End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco Business Edition 6000/7000 embedded virtualization commercial offers, all versions

© 2025 Cisco and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.

Contents

Overview 3

End-of-life milestones 4

Product part numbers 4

Product Migration Options 5

For more information 5

© 2025 Cisco and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.

Overview

EOL13629 - Amended

Cisco announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the Cisco Business Edition 6000/7000 embedded virtualization commercial offers, all versions. The last day to order the affected product(s) is March 2, 2023. Customers with active SWSS contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until the Last Day of Support as shown in Table 1 of the EoL bulletin. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected product(s). Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement. For customers with active and paid service and support contracts, support will be available under the terms and conditions of customers' service contract.

This EOL bulletin is for entire commercial offers, entire feature-levels and all versions (first shipping 7.0 and subsequent 8.0). These commercial offers were only sold in conjunction with Business Edition 6000 (BE6000) / Business Edition (BE7000) appliances of select older hardware generations. New purchases of BE6000 / BE7000 appliances starting with M6 hardware generation do not ship with or have options for these embedded virtualization commercial offers.

Cisco commercial offer EOL milestone dates may occur before VMware by Broadcom's release EOL milestone date published on broadcom.com. Bug/security fixes for ESXi releases come from VMware by Broadcom, and are not available beyond VMware by Broadcom's published End of General Support date for the release in question.

Customers with active SWSS on these commercial offers may call Cisco TAC for support until the Last Day of Support in Table 1, but note VMware by Broadcom support engagement to Cisco ramps down after VMware's published date for End of General Support for the release in question.

Perpetual license version upgrade from 7.0 to 8.0 is no longer available from Cisco or from VMware by Broadcom for these commercial offers New major versions will not be available for these End-of-Life commercial offers.

Customers requiring continued technical support or access to new major versions must procure a new VMware vSphere subscription from a Broadcom channel partner or direct from VMware by Broadcom.

© 2025 Cisco and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.

End-of-life milestones

Table 1. End-of-life milestones and dates for the Cisco Business Edition 6000/7000 embedded virtualization commercial offers, all versions

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement Date	The date the document that announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life of a product is distributed to the general public.	December 1, 2022
End-of-Sale Date: App SW	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale after this date.	March 2, 2023
Last Ship Date: App SW	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	May 31, 2023
End of SW Maintenance Releases Date: App SW	The last date that Cisco Engineering may release any final software maintenance releases or bug fixes. After this date, Cisco Engineering will no longer develop, repair, maintain, or test the product software.	March 1, 2024
End of New Service Attachment Date: App SW	For equipment and software that is not covered by a service-and-support contract, this is the last date to order a new service-and-support contract or add the equipment and/or software to an existing service-and-support contract.	March 1, 2024
End of Service Contract Renewal Date: App SW	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	March 1, 2025
Last Date of Support: App SW	The last date to receive applicable service and support for the product as entitled by active service contracts or by warranty terms and conditions. After this date, all support services for the product are unavailable, and the product becomes obsolete.	March 31, 2025

HW = Hardware OS SW = Operating System Software App. SW = Application Software

Product part numbers

Table 2. Product part numbers affected by this announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description	Additional Information
BE6/7K-VIRTBASP-7X	Cisco BE Embedded Virt. Basic Plus 7x, BE6K/7K only	See the Product Migration Options section below for detailed information on replacing this product.	-	-
BE6/7K-VIRTENH-7X	Cisco BE Embedded Virt. Enhanced 7x, BE6K/7K/CMS1K only	See the Product Migration Options section below for detailed information on replacing this product.	-	-

© 2025 Cisco and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description	Additional Information
BE6K-VIRTBAS-7X	Cisco BE Embedded Virt. Basic 7x, BE6K only	See the Product Migration Options section below for detailed information on replacing this product.	-	-
VIRT-LIC-FND	Factory-load Embedded Virtualization SW License	See the Product Migration Options section below for detailed information on replacing this product.	-	-

Product Migration Options

Cisco TAC support will end on the Last Day of Support in Table 1. Major version upgrades will not be possible on any of these commercial offers.

Customers who wish to continue support and/or obtain access to major software upgrades must must procure a new VMware vSphere subscription from a Broadcom channel partner or direct from VMware by Broadcom.

The Cisco Takeback and Recycle program helps businesses properly dispose of surplus products that have reached their end of useful life. The program is open to all business users of Cisco equipment and its associated brands and subsidiaries. For more information, go to: https://www.cisco.com/web/about/ac227/ac228/ac231/about_cisco_takeback_recycling.html.

For more information

For more information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy, go to: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/eos-eol-policy.html

For more information about the Cisco Product Warranties, go to: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/warranty-listing.html

To subscribe to receive end-of-life/end-of-sale information, go to:

https://www.cisco.com/cisco/support/notifications.html

Any authorized translation issued by Cisco Systems or affiliates of this end-of-life Product Bulletin is intended to help customers understand the content described in the English version. This translation is the result of a commercially reasonable effort; however, if there are discrepancies between the English version and the translated document, please refer to the English version, which is considered authoritative.

Americas Headquarters
Cisco Systems, Inc.
San Jose, CA

Asia Pacific Headquarters
Cisco Systems (USA) Pte. Ltd.
Singapore

Europe Headquarters
Cisco Systems International BV Amsterdam,
The Netherlands

Cisco has more than 200 offices worldwide. Addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers are listed on the Cisco Website at **https://www.cisco.com/go/offices**.

Cisco and the Cisco logo are trademarks or registered trademarks of Cisco and/or its affiliates in the U.S. and other countries. To view a list of Cisco trademarks, go to this URL: https://www.cisco.com/go/trademarks. Third-party trademarks mentioned are the property of their respective owners. The use of the word partner does not imply a partnership relationship between Cisco and any other company. (1110R)

Printed in USA 04/25

© 2025 Cisco and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.