



Retirement Bulletin

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Business Policy Switch (BPS2000) Manufacturing Discontinue effective 1st March 2006

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision #	Summary of Changes
February 27, 2006	None	This is the original publication

Customer Notification of the decision to manufacture discontinue the Product noted above:

Last Time Order Date:	30 April 2006
Last Ship Date:	30 June 2006
Manufacture Discontinue (MD) Date:	01 March 2006
End of Life (EOL) Date:	30 June 2011
Last Supported Software Release:	3.1.8
Market Regions Affected:	Global

Introduction

Effective 1st March 2006, the Nortel* Business Policy Switch (BPS2000) is hereby declared manufacturing discontinued. The last time order date is 30 April 2006, with the last ship date of 30 June 2006. Customers are encouraged to purchase Ethernet Switch 470 or 470-PWR which offer improved functionality to the Business Policy Switch. Please note only AC version of BPS is being Manufacturing Discontinued. The DC version of Business Policy Switch will continue to ship.

Definition

Manufacture Discontinue (MD) – This notice serves as formal communication of Nortel Networks' intent to MD the product(s) noted. No further orders will be

accepted as of the Last Time Order Date shown above and no further shipments made after the product has been discontinued. The MD of these products should not be interpreted as the discontinuance of any Nortel Networks agreements to support the existing field population. Services to the existing product base will continue to be provided until the End of Life (EOL) date shown above.

Product Overview (See Table for Detail)

Product Description	Product Engineering Code (PEC)	Replacement Product Description (If applicable)	Replacement Product Engineering Code (PEC)
Business Policy Switch (AC version only)	AL2001?15*	<i>Ethernet Switch 470-24T</i>	AL2012?37*

*Note: * The seventh character (?) of the switch order number must be replaced with the proper code to indicate desired product nationalization.*

Software Dependencies

Ethernet Switch Software v3.1.8 (14 December 2005) for Ethernet Switch 460/470/BPS will be the last major software version supported on the Business Policy Switch.

Alternative/Replacement Products

Product Description	Product Engineering Code (PEC)	Replacement Product Description	Replacement Product Engineering Code (PEC)
Business Policy Switch (AC version only)	AL2001?15*	<i>Ethernet Switch 470-48T</i> <i>Ethernet Switch 470-24T-PWR</i> <i>Ethernet Switch 470-48T-PWR</i>	AL2012?37* AL2012?53* AL2012?52*

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Related Product and Sales & Marketing Bulletins (if applicable)

None.

Customer Actions

Customers are encouraged to purchase Ethernet Switch 470-24T or 470-48T as they offer similar functionality to BPS and more. The incremental benefits are:

Ethernet Switch 470 includes built-in stacking ports, two built-in GBIC port for uplink, compact 1 RU design and are more cost-effective per port than BPS switch.

Nortel offers another replacement option with convergence-ready Ethernet Switch 470-24T-PWR or 470-48T-PWR as these switches offer desktop connectivity and IEEE 802.3af compliant Power over Ethernet on all ports. Other incremental benefits are: Ethernet Switch 470-PWR includes built-in stacking ports, two built-in GBIC ports for uplink and compact 1 RU design. Finally, Ethernet Switch 470-48T-PWR offers Power over Ethernet and still is more cost-effective per port than BPS switch. Ethernet Switch 470-24T-PWR offers Power over Ethernet at mere 7% premium.

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