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Chairman Carr Announces Initial Success of “Operation Clean Carts”

Leading E-Commerce Sites Commit to New National Security Effort to Stop the Illegal, Online Sale of Unauthorized Covered List Equipment and CCP Spyware

WASHINGTON, October 10, 2025—Today, the FCC announced the initial success of “Operation Clean Carts.” Federal law prohibits the sale or marketing of certain electronic equipment—including certain devices produced by Chinese entities like Huawei, ZTE, Dahua, and Hikvision—that the FCC has placed on the agency’s Covered List due to national security determinations. Nonetheless, many online retailers and e-commerce sites have continued to sell, or allowed third-parties to sell, those devices.

After working with numerous leading e-commerce sites to address this issue, the FCC can now announce that those efforts have resulted in sites removing several million listings for covered equipment, such as certain Huawei smart watches and Dahua home security cameras, plus new commitments from those e-commerce sites to both adopt additional best practices and coordinate with the FCC to monitor and prevent the unlawful online sale of Covered List equipment.

“The Communist Party of China has engaged in a multi-prong effort to insert insecure gear into Americans’ homes and businesses,” said FCC Chairman Brendan Carr. “This Covered List equipment poses an unacceptable risk to our country’s national security and to the safety and security of Americans. I am pleased that e-commerce sites quickly responded to the FCC’s efforts to shut down the illegal, online sale of these unlawful devices. Millions of listings for these devices have now been removed. I expect all online retailers to do their part and comply with the federal prohibition on the marketing and sale of Covered List devices.”

“Operation Clean Carts has been a successful effort to help keep e-commerce sites free of dangerous devices,” Chairman Carr added. “So I want to commend the FCC’s Council on National Security for their work on this effort as well as the e-commerce companies that took quick action. I look forward to the ongoing work with these and other companies to continue preventing the marketing and sale of unauthorized devices.”

Led by the FCC’s Council on National Security, the FCC launched Operation Clean Carts to rid e-commerce platforms of unauthorized covered equipment. After engaging leading e-commerce platforms, the FCC worked successfully with them to remove millions of covered equipment listings. Additionally, these companies implemented new commitments to specifically screen for, and remove, unauthorized covered equipment. They have each committed to screening mechanisms for unauthorized equipment leveraging both manual and automated controls, educate third-party sellers about the FCC’s Covered List rules and obligations, and update their internal protocols.

Additionally, several companies have committed to ongoing coordination and collaboration with the FCC to ensure that unauthorized covered equipment is not sold through their sites. The FCC will closely monitor e-commerce sites to ensure compliance with federal law.

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