



NEWS FROM THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

FCC Approves New Safeguards Against Untrustworthy Gear

Rules Further Protect U.S. Communications Networks from Foreign Adversaries

WASHINGTON, October 28, 2025—The Federal Communications Commission today voted to close loopholes in the [FCC's Covered List](#) and secure America's communication's networks against devices determined to pose an unacceptable risk to national security. Many of these devices are closely tied to foreign adversaries, like China, and can allow the CCP to surveil Americans, disrupt communications networks, and otherwise threaten U.S. national security. With today's action, the FCC clarifies and strengthens its existing prohibitions on covered equipment while also addressing ways to further strengthen the security of our supply chain through controls on importation and marketing.

While the FCC's Covered List rules already prohibit the importation, sale, and marketing of new, insecure Huawei, Hikvision, and other Covered List devices in the U.S., agency regulations have not applied those prohibitions to previously authorized devices, permitting their continued importation, sale, and marketing. Additionally, those regulations have not applied to component parts that are included within otherwise authorized devices.

These new rules will establish a process for the FCC to prohibit the continued importation, marketing, and sale of previously authorized devices that the agency subsequently placed on the Covered List based on national security concerns. The FCC could apply this new rule in a targeted manner. Additionally, the new rules will close the modular transmitter loophole—meaning that certain insecure Huawei, Hikvision, or other Covered List modular transmitters could no longer be included as components within otherwise lawful or authorized devices.

The Commission also adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on extending our equipment authorization prohibitions to a larger class of foreign adversary-controlled devices and component parts produced by Covered List entities, as well as various measures to strengthen enforcement against unlawful marketing of covered equipment.

Action by the Commission October 28, 2025 by Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 25-71). Chairman Carr, Commissioners Gomez and Trusty approving. Chairman Carr and Commissioner Trusty issuing separate statements.

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