

PRODUCT END-OF-LIFE NOTICE

Brocade CES-2048FX and Associated Field Replaceable Units

Brocade is initiating the End of Life (EOL) process for the Brocade CES-2048FX.

Brocade will continue to offer and provide support for the EOL products five (5) years from the Last Customer Ship (LCS) announced below for those customers with a valid support contract subject to Brocade support policies.

The objective of the Brocade account management team is to assist you to make your final purchases of product subject to EOL and to smoothly transition to the new products by planning to the following milestones:

Brocade CES-2048FX	Date
EOL Notification Date	November 03, 2015
Last Time Order (LTO) Final, Non-Cancelable, Non-Returnable Order Due Date (Subject to lead time and availability)	March 22, 2016
Last Customer Ship (LCS) Date	April 22, 2016
End of Support (EOS) Date	April 22, 2021

Note: Last Supported software release for this product is last GA(ed) NetIron Release before end of October 2016.

Brocade Part Number	Description	Recommended Alternative Solution
NI-CES-2048FX-AC	CES with 48 ports of 1G	BR-CES-2024F-4X-AC
NI-CES-2048FX-MEPREM-AC	CES with 48 ports of 1G	BR-CES-2024F-4X-AC + NI-CES-2024-MEU-SW
NI-CES-2048FX-L3PREM-AC	CES with 48 ports of 1G	BR-CES-2024F-4X-AC + NI-CES-2024-L3U-SW
NI-CES-2048FX-DC	CES with 48 ports of 1G	BR-CES-2024F-4X-DC
NI-CES-2048FX-MEPREM-DC	CES with 48 ports of 1G	BR-CES-2024F-4X-DC + NI-CES-2024-MEU-SW
NI-CES-2048FX-L3PREM-DC	CES with 48 ports of 1G	BR-CES-2024F-4X-DC + NI-CES-2024-L3U-SW

Replacement Products

Brocade recommends evaluating the Brocade CES2024-4X as a replacement for the Brocade CES-2048FX.

Note

- All software features qualified for use under supported configurations of the Brocade CES2024-4X will continue to be available after LCS of the Brocade CES-2048FX

Support Pricing

Subject to the provisions of your support agreement with Brocade, support and access to software for the product will be available from Brocade's Technical Assistance Center (TAC), providing 24x7 phone support, or via the 'My Cases' case management tool within the MyBrocade online portal. Beginning one (1) year after LCS April 22, 2016, and until the EOS date April 22, 2021, there will be a 10% annual price increase on all support associated with the product.

**Additional restrictions and limitations apply to support for software and such support may be cancelled or changed without notice. Contact your sales representative for more information.*