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AOCE: Regulatory Issues With Encryption Import/Export (3/96)

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TOPIC -----

Are there any import/export problems with AOCE technology?

DISCUSSION -----

Apple has received the necessary licenses from the United States government to export AOCE technology. However, there are problems with importing AOCE technology into France and its colonies and territories. The French government puts many restrictions on importing of software which does any kind of encryption. Since PowerShare does encryption with ASDSP, Apple will not be able to import AOCE products with encryption into France.

As a result of this restriction, Apple will be shipping an encryption-free version (PowerTalk Lite) in France. This version will not support ASDSP or authentication.

PowerShare Catalogs must either all support encryption or all not support encryption. If only one PowerShare Catalog Server in an PowerShare Catalog does not support encryption, then there will be no ASDSP or authentication services available.

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