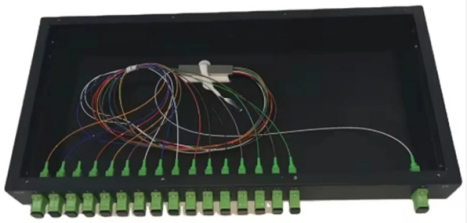
# Imported Enterprise-Grade Optical Router NRZ



## Overview

New models of devices on the Covered List are prohibited from receiving FCC authorization and are therefore prohibited from being imported or sold in the U.S.

## Key Takeaways

Imported enterprise-grade optical routers using NRZ signaling are high-performance networking devices subject to FCC import restrictions if produced abroad.

### Overview of Enterprise-

Grade Optical RoutersEnterprise-grade optical routers are designed for large-scale business networks and data centers, offering high-speed connectivity, robust security, and advanced management capabilities. They typically feature: High-performance processors and memory to handle heavy network traffic and complex routing protocols. Multiple high-speed WAN connections for linking to the Internet, private networks, or cloud services.

Advanced security features, including firewalls, VPN support, and intrusion prevention systems to protect sensitive data. Management and monitoring interfaces, such as web-based GUIs or command-line interfaces, allowing granular control over network settings. High availability and redundancy, including link aggregation, load balancing, and failover mechanisms to ensure uninterrupted connectivity.

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Z (Non-Return-to-Zero) signaling is a modulation method used in optical communication to transmit data efficiently over fiber networks.

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Z is widely used in enterprise optical routers for its simplicity and reliability, though higher-speed networks may also use PAM4 for increased bandwidth.

## Import and Regulatory Considerations

As of March 23, 2026, the FCC has added all foreign-produced routers to its Covered List due to national security concerns. Key points include: Consumer-grade routers produced abroad are banned from import unless they receive conditional approval from the Department of Defense (DoD) or Department of Homeland Security (DHS),. Enterprise-grade routers may also be affected if they are imported from foreign countries, depending on whether they fall under FCC definitions of covered equipment.

Conditional approval requires manufacturers to submit plans for U. S.-based production or compliance measures. Existing routers already in use in the U.

S. are not affected, but new imports of foreign-made models may be restricted.

## Recommended Enterprise Routers

Some widely recognized enterprise-grade routers include: Cisco NCS 6000 series – high-speed, high-capacity, ideal for data centers and service provider networks. Other notable brands include ASUS RT-AX88U, NETGEAR Nighthawk AX12, and TP-Link Archer AX6000, though many consumer-oriented models may be subject to FCC import restrictions if produced abroad.

## Summary

Imported enterprise-grade optical routers using NRZ signaling provide high-speed, secure, and reliable network connectivity for large-scale business environments. However, due to FCC regulations on foreign-produced routers, businesses must ensure compliance with import rules, potentially seeking conditional approval for new models. When selecting routers, consider performance, security features, management capabilities, and regulatory compliance to ensure both operational efficiency and legal importation.

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