

# Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corp.

Jurisdiction: U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC); Federal District Court, Central District of California

Nature of Claim: Patent infringement related to blood oxygen monitoring features in Apple Watch.

Status: ITC ruled in favor of Masimo; import ban temporarily stayed. Federal court litigation ongoing.

Potential Impact: Possible restrictions on certain Apple Watch sales in the U.S. market.

Resolution Outlook: Appeals pending; product design workarounds in progress.

## Detailed Summary:

Masimo Corp., a medical technology company, initiated litigation against Apple alleging infringement of several patents covering blood oxygen monitoring technology incorporated into the Apple Watch. In 2023, the U.S. ITC ruled that Apple infringed certain Masimo patents and issued a limited exclusion order, effectively banning the import of some Apple Watch models into the United States. Enforcement of this order has been temporarily stayed during appeal. In parallel, Apple has contested Masimo's claims in federal district court. Apple has also begun engineering design modifications to potentially remove or alter the contested technology. The case presents significant commercial risk, given the importance of the Apple Watch to Apple's wearable strategy. A long-term ban could materially affect Apple's wearable revenue stream unless resolved through settlement, licensing, or successful appeal.

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