

Update Bulletin

Lemelson Scanner Issue Resolution

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StoreNext Retail Technologies is most pleased to report that Lemelson has agreed with Fujitsu that – under Fujitsu's existing license with Lemelson – customers who purchase Fujitsu scanners are protected from suit by Lemelson over the use of bar code scanning at the point of sale.

As you likely know, the Lemelson Foundation has sued more than one hundred retailers in recent years for using bar code scanning at the point of sale. Many other retailers received letters from Lemelson threatening litigation.

NCR has been claiming that they are the only scanning supplier who can provide protection from Lemelson. Fujitsu's license with Lemelson now proves those assertions – and any such claimed competitive advantages over Fujitsu in the marketplace – to be incorrect.

So when your customers are making a bar code scanning purchase decision it is important they know that by selecting Fujitsu they are protected from any claim by Lemelson that the scanners infringe Lemelson's patents.

If you have further questions or issues regarding Lemelson, please contact me directly so that I can resolve them appropriately with Fujitsu's Legal department.

To Your Success,

Tony

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