

New iPhone, iPad to be sold in China in December

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One of the first customers poses with his new iPhone 5 in the Swedish Telia phone store in Stockholm in the early hours of September 28. Apple said Friday its newest gadgets including the iPad mini and iPhone 5 would go on sale in December in China, the country where many Apple products are manufactured.

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The iPad mini and fourth generation iPad will be sold in China starting December 7, and the <u>iPhone 5</u> will be available December 14, Apple said in a statement.

The iPads are currently available in 42 countries, and <u>iPhone 5</u> is available in 47 countries, Apple said.

Earlier this year, Apple paid \$60 million to end a dispute over who could use the iPad name in China.

In recent years, late-model iPhones have shown up in China in unofficial channels due to demand from <u>Chinese consumers</u>. Apple has also been working with labor rights groups to address complaints about conditions in its manufacturing facilities in China operated by subcontractors.

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