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## National Advertising Division Recommends Apple Discontinue or Modify Availability Claims for Certain Apple Intelligence AI Features

New York, NY – April 22, 2025 – As part of its marketplace monitoring program, BBB National Programs' National Advertising Division recommended that Apple Inc. modify or discontinue advertising claims regarding the availability of certain features associated with the launch of its AI-powered Apple Intelligence tool in the U.S.

The National Advertising Division's (NAD) inquiry focused on express and implied claims made on the Apple Intelligence webpage and in promotional materials for the iPhone 16 and iPhone 16 Pro that conveyed the availability of certain Apple Intelligence features, including Priority Notifications, Image Generation tools (Image Playground, Genmoji, and Image Wand), ChatGPT integration into Siri and Writing Tools, and new Siri capabilities.

## **Availability Claims**

NAD found that Apple's unqualified "Available Now" claim, positioned at the top of its Apple Intelligence webpage and above detailed feature descriptions, reasonably conveyed the message that all listed features—including Priority Notifications, Image Playground, Genmoji, Image Wand, and ChatGPT integration—were available at the launch of the iPhone 16 and iPhone 16 Pro.

Although Apple launched these features in staggered software updates between October 2024 and March 2025, NAD found that these claims were not properly supported at the time they were first made. NAD further found that Apple's disclosures—such as footnotes and small-print disclosures—were neither sufficiently clear and conspicuous nor close to the triggering claims.

While these features are now available, NAD recommended Apple avoid conveying the message that features are available when they are not.

## **Siri Functionality**

NAD also reviewed claims that Apple Intelligence enabled new Siri functionality, including onscreen awareness, personal context, and cross-app actions. These claims also appeared under the "Available Now" heading.

During the inquiry, Apple informed NAD that these Siri features would not be available on the original timeline and that it had updated its promotional materials accordingly and modified claims and disclosures to adequately communicate their status.

Additionally, Apple also permanently discontinued the "More Personal Siri" video demonstration. Therefore, NAD did not review these claims and will treat them, for compliance purposes, as though NAD recommended they be discontinued.

In its advertiser statement, Apple Inc. stated "While we disagree with the NAD's findings related to features that are available to users now, we appreciate the opportunity to work with them and will follow their recommendations."

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