

NTT DOCOMO INC  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**  
**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of December 2011.

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**NTT DOCOMO, INC.**

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NTT DOCOMO, INC.

Date: December 21, 2011

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Information furnished in this form:

1. DOCOMO Reports Malfunction of sp-mode Service

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### **DOCOMO Reports Malfunction of sp-mode Service**

**TOKYO, JAPAN, December 21, 2011** NTT DOCOMO, INC. reported today that its sp-mode service malfunctioned between 12:22 JST and 14:25 JST on Tuesday, December 20, 2011.

Due to this problem with the communication equipment, the email addresses of some customers using the service were reset with incorrect addresses.

The company deeply apologizes to its customers for any inconvenience caused by the malfunction.

#### 1. Details of Service Malfunction

- a. When some users checked their registered address, they found that the address had been changed.
  - b. People who received an email from a sp-mode user saw the address of another sp-mode subscriber as the sender's address, and if they replied, their mails were sent to that address.
- #### 2. Reason for the Problem and Details

At 12:22 JST on December 20, an interruption in a transmission line caused a disruption in the sp-mode server in the Kansai area, resulting in the server's incorrect processing of telephone numbers and IP addresses.

The disruption was recovered by implementing capacity restrictions at 14:25 JST, but according to customer reports, thereafter it appears that some customers experienced problems with their mail addresses being changed.

Due to the sp-mode server's automatic self-correcting function, DOCOMO believes that the problem was resolved by around 18:00 JST.

As a precaution, DOCOMO has advised customers to turn their smartphones off and on one time. In addition, the company has reset related packet switching equipment as part of final efforts to fully resolve the problem.

#### 3. Customers Assumed to Have Been Affected

A portion of customers using the sp-mode service were affected, numbering about 100,000 subscribers. As of 07:30 JST on Wednesday, December 21, 108 customers had contacted DOCOMO to inquire about matters related to this problem.



4. Response to Customers

DOCOMO will contact individual customers who were determined to have been affected by the problem. As a result of the incident, DOCOMO temporarily suspended the operation of certain sp-mode services that possibly could have been affected (see attachment).

5. Effort to Prevent Similar Problems

DOCOMO will comprehensively reevaluate the processing capacity and procedures of its overall network. Immediate actions for preventing similar problems are as follows:

- a. Increase the processing capacity by adjusting the user administration server.
- b. Improve the IP-address issuing protocol for smartphones.

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*sp-mode is only available to subscribers in Japan.*

Attachment

**Temporarily Suspended sp-mode Services**

sp-mode settings (mail address changes, replacements, etc.)

Phonebook backup

imadoco search location service

imadoco kantan search

Keitai-Osagashi phone location-search service

DCMX and iD default settings and data transfer

docomo ID issuance

DOCOMO Premier Club

sp-mode content payment service

docomo Mobile Payment

docomo Points redemptions

docomo Money Transfer

Confirmation of billing details

Details of sp-mode payments and docomo Mobile Payment

Websites for various applications and procedures

My Info Mail

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docomo billing service for Android Market

Koe-no-Takuhaibin direct voice messaging service (list of received messages, etc.)

Melody Call content purchases

docomo Drive Net

Browser-based settings for blocking spam calls

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