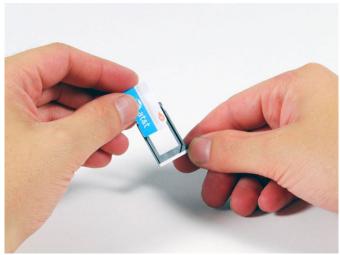
Apple wants to make thinner devices-- and to do so it demands standard SIM cards get even smaller.



The news comes through Reuters' reporting comments from an Orange executive, with confirmation from ETSI (the European telecoms standards body).

No decisions on actually starting the standardisation work (a process potentially taking more than a year) is done yet, mind. The process could get a boost should the companies making the standards committee reach a "broad consensus".

The Orange executive concludes that devices using Apple's tiny SIMs should start appearing next year.

Should Apple's proposal become a standard amongst operators-- and what Apple wants, Apple tends to get-- more vendors will follow in its wake.

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