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Let  $H = \{R \mid R \text{ is a commutative ring and } Nil(R) \text{ is a divided prime ideal of } R\}$ . Anderson and Mott defined an integral domain  $R$  to be a Cohen-Kaplansky domain if every element  $a \in R$  is a finite product of irreducible elements of  $R$  and  $R$  has only finitely many nonassociate irreducible elements. In this talk, a ring  $R \in H$  is said to be an Anderson-Mott ring if  $R$  has only finitely many nonnil nonassociate irreducible elements and each nonnil element of  $R$  is a finite product of (nonnil) irreducible elements of  $R$ . We show that the theory of Cohen-Kaplansky domains resembles that of Anderson-Mott commutative rings. (Received September 17, 2005)