

# Microsoft to appeal Korea ruling

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Microsoft said Wednesday it will appeal the Korean Fair Trade Commission's decision regarding its Windows sales in the country.

The Korean government ruled that the software giant had violated the Korean fair trade law by pushing competitors out of the market by abusing its dominant position. If the ruling goes through, Microsoft could be banned from selling Windows programs in the country within the next six months.

Microsoft, however, stated in a news release that "we disagree with the commission's decision and strongly believe that Microsoft has operated within Korean law," adding that "we intend to appeal this decision because it is inconsistent with Korean law."

"Competition in these technologies in Korea has been, and remains, vibrant with many new Korean companies successfully offering digital media and instant messaging choices for Korean consumers. This decision could have the effect of chilling innovation in Korea," Microsoft stated.

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