

Microsoft to press China after Windows 8 ban

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Microsoft pre-installed Windows 8.1 personal computers and tablets are displayed at a Windows 8.1 launch event in Tokyo on October 18, 2013

Microsoft said Tuesday it would maintain efforts to gain approval in China for its Windows 8 operating system after a [ban announced](#) by Beijing.

"We were surprised to learn about the reference to Windows 8 in this notice," the company said in a statement, referring to a Chinese government official notice.

"Microsoft has been working proactively with the Central Government Procurement Center and other government agencies through the evaluation process to ensure that our products and services meet all government procurement requirements," it said.

"We have been and will continue to provide Windows 7 to government customers. At the same time, we are working on the Windows 8 evaluation with relevant government agencies."

News of the Chinese ban came amid a diplomatic row over an indictment in the United States of five members of a shadowy Chinese military unit for allegedly hacking US companies for trade secrets.

Beijing has summoned the US ambassador and accused Washington of double standards.

China at the same time suspended cooperation with the US on cybersecurity issues and banned the use of Microsoft's Windows 8 operating system on all new government computers.

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