

Sony settles with gov't over gaming console ads

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Sony is settling government charges that it misled consumers about its PlayStation Vita hand-held gaming console.

The Federal Trade Commission says Sony's advertising claims about the "game changing" technology features of the PS Vita were deceiving. For example, the FTC says Sony wrongly claimed that people could play "cross platform"—by starting a game on a PlayStation 3 and then continuing it 'on the go,' right where they left off, on a PS Vita.

As part of the proposed settlement, the company will provide refunds to people who bought the PS Vita console before June 1, 2012. They'll be eligible for either a \$25-cash or credit refund or a \$50 merchandise voucher from Sony.

Sony will contact [consumers](#) about the refunds or vouchers via email.

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