

Brazil: Google fined in Petrobras probe

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A Brazilian court says it has fined Google around \$200,000 for refusing to intercept emails needed in a corruption investigation at state-run oil company Petrobras.

The [federal court](#) in the southern state of Parana said in a statement Monday that Google eventually did share the emails with Brazilian police several months ago but had to pay the fine for initially refusing to comply with the judicial order.

The Mountain View, California-based company had insisted it could only hand over the messages if the Brazilian and United States governments made a joint request.

A spokeswoman for Google confirmed the company "obeys judicial orders in Brazil" but declined to comment further.

The emails in question were sent by a money changer under investigation in a money laundering scheme at Petrobras.

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