

Germany's top court rejects Yahoo case over news royalties

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Germany's highest court has rejected a case brought by Yahoo against a law designed to compensate news publishers for the use of their content.

The Constitutional Court said Wednesday that Yahoo hadn't exhausted its legal possibilities in lower courts and should turn to them first.

The judges didn't rule on the issue itself, which also affects rival search engine companies such as Google.

Germany revised its copyright laws in 2013 to allow [media companies](#) to request payment from search engines that use more than snippets of their content.

A lawyer for Yahoo said he wasn't immediately able to comment on the verdict as the court hadn't informed the parties yet.

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