

German court bans Uber's ridesharing service (Update)

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A German court has banned Uber from offering its ridesharing service nationwide, adding to the company's troubles in Europe.

Frankfurt state court spokesman Arne Hasse said the ruling banning the UberPop <u>service</u> from offering rides with drivers who don't have taxi permits was issued Wednesday. The ruling can be appealed.

The ruling stems from a suit brought against Uber by a German taxi association, which was heard in Frankfurt because it is one of several German cities where Uber launched operations.

The <u>court</u> issued an injunction banning Uber from operating last summer but lifted it a few weeks later, saying that while it considered Uber's practices illegal an emergency injunction wasn't justified.

Uber also has hit trouble in the Netherlands, Spain and France, which has effectively banned its service.

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