



US prohibits Kaspersky antivirus software due to suspected Russian connections

Description

The US has decided to ban the sale of antivirus software from Russian company Kaspersky due to concerns about its ties to the Kremlin. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo cited Moscow's influence over the company as a risk to US infrastructure. The ban will prevent Kaspersky from selling its software in the US or providing updates. The company plans to challenge the ban. The Commerce Department will also penalize sellers who violate the restrictions. Kaspersky has previously faced accusations of collaborating with Russian intelligence. Despite being based in Moscow, the company has a global presence, serving millions of users and clients worldwide. The impact of the ban on US customers, including state and local governments, as well as telecommunications, power, and healthcare companies, is significant.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Ban** /bæn/ (noun): An official or legal prohibition.
2. **Accusations** /,æk.jʊ'zeɪ.ʃənz/ (noun): Claims that someone has done something illegal or wrong.
3. **Collaboration** /kə,læbə'reɪʃən/ (noun): The action of working with someone to produce or create something.
4. **Infrastructure** /'ɪn.frə,striktʃər/ (noun): The basic physical and organizational structures needed for the operation of a society or enterprise.
5. **Penalize** /'pi:.nə.laɪz/ (verb): To subject to a penalty or disadvantage.
6. **Significant** /sɪg'nɪfɪkənt/ (adjective): Sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Why did the US decide to ban the sale of antivirus software from Kaspersky?

Option: Due to concerns about its ties to the Kremlin

Option: Because the software was ineffective

Option: As part of a trade war with Russia

Option: In response to a cyber attack



2. Who cited Moscow's influence over Kaspersky as a risk to US infrastructure?

- Option: Gina Raimondo
- Option: Kaspersky's CEO
- Option: President Biden
- Option: Russian government officials

3. What does the ban prevent Kaspersky from doing in the US?

- Option: Selling its software
- Option: Providing updates
- Option: Both A and B
- Option: Collaborating with US companies

4. How does Kaspersky plan to respond to the ban?

- Option: By challenging it
- Option: By complying with it
- Option: By relocating its headquarters
- Option: By shutting down operations

5. Who will the Commerce Department penalize for violating the restrictions?

- Option: Sellers
- Option: Customers
- Option: Foreign governments
- Option: Cybersecurity experts

6. What has Kaspersky been accused of in the past?

- Option: Collaborating with Russian intelligence
- Option: Sponsoring US cybersecurity events
- Option: Operating illegally in the US
- Option: Engaging in corporate espionage

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Due to concerns about its ties to the Kremlin 2. Gina Raimondo 3. Both A and B
4. By challenging it 5. Sellers 6. Collaborating with Russian intelligence

Vocabulary quizzes



Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What are unproven assertions or claims called?
Option: Accusations
Option: Investigation
Option: Demand
Option: Challenges
2. What type of energy is derived from natural resources that replenish themselves?
Option: Electrification
Option: Fossil fuels
Option: Ban
Option: Renewable energy
3. Which term refers to the buying and selling of goods and services?
Option: Exodus
Option: Commerce
Option: Penalize
Option: Violation
4. What characteristic describes a strong desire to succeed or achieve something?
Option: Solidifies
Option: Ambitious
Option: Compensation
Option: Challenges
5. What term is used to indicate breaches or non-compliance with rules or laws?
Option: Collaborative solution
Option: Penalize
Option: Violations
Option: Allegations
6. What action is taken to officially or legally prohibit something?
Option: Supply
Option: Ban
Option: Demand
Option: Toxic
7. Who is the head of government in parliamentary systems?
Option: Investigation
Option: Allegations
Option: Prime Minister



Option: Collaborative solution

8. Which term refers to the state of being free from public attention?

Option: Involvement

Option: Privacy

Option: Commerce

Option: Penalize

9. Which term relates to the quantity of goods or services available for purchase?

Option: Crude

Option: Supply

Option: Electricification

Option: Challenges

10. What process involves detailed examination or inquiry into something?

Option: Accusations

Option: Investigation

Option: Exodus

Option: Infrastructure

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Individuals with _____ goals often set high standards for themselves.

12. The two companies are _____ on a project to develop new technology.

13. The sudden _____ of employees caught the company by surprise.

14. The league will _____ teams that violate the code of conduct.

15. Effective communication often _____ relationships within a team.

16. The new product saw a surge in _____ due to its unique features.

17. The company faced criticism for its _____ work culture.

18. Employees receive fair _____ for their hard work and dedication.

19. The old photograph served to _____ her of happier times.

20. The team's victory was met with an _____ sense of joy and relief.

21. Failure to adhere to the guidelines may result in the need to _____ the responsible



parties.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

22. The artist's sketches were considered unfinished and lacking refinement.
23. Her deep in charitable activities earned her the community's respect.
24. The suspect is innocent until proven guilty despite the accusations.
25. His actions directly his earlier statements on the matter.
26. The filed a lawsuit against the corporation for damages.
27. The team brainstormed and worked together to find a suitable resolution.
28. Investing in sources like solar and wind power promotes sustainability through the use of .
29. The school's measures against bullying were well-received by parents.
30. The government plans to upgrade the country's transportation to boost the economy.
31. Finding a suitable to the problem required extensive research and analysis.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Accusations 2. Renewable energy 3. Commerce 4. Ambitious 5. Violations 6. Ban 7. Prime Minister 8. Privacy 9. Supply 10. Investigation

Gap-Fill: 11. ambitious 12. collaborating 13. exodus 14. penalize 15. solidifies 16. demand 17. toxic 18. compensation 19. remind 20. overwhelming 21. penalize

Matching sentence: 1. crude 2. involvement 3. alleged 4. contradicts 5. plaintiffs 6. collaborative solution 7. renewable energy 8. punitive 9. infrastructure 10. solution

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