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US revokes Trump-era TikTok, WeChat bans

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The United States replaces Trump's TikTok, WeChat ban with new strategies to tackle software security. Image credit: Getty

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President Joe Biden has signed an executive order to replace three Trump administration orders that aimed to prohibit transactions with social platforms TikTok, WeChat and eight other communications and financial technology software applications.

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The Biden administration aims to further address the ongoing national emergency declared in 2019 with respect to the threat posed to the United States' information and communication technology and services (ICTS) supply chain. The new order directs the use of a criteria-based decision framework and evidence-based analysis to address the risks posed by ICTS transactions involving software applications designed, developed, manufactured or supplied by persons that are owned or controlled by China, that may present a risk to the national security of the United States.

New orders

According to a [statement](#) from The White House, the new order will direct the Department of Commerce to evaluate foreign adversary connected software applications and take action as deemed necessary.



The Biden Administration is furthering efforts toward eliminating threats posed to US ICTS. Image credit: The White House

It will provide criteria for identifying software applications that may post unacceptable risk, such as those that are

owned, controlled or managed by persons that support foreign adversary military or intelligence activities, are involved in malicious cyber activities or involve applications that collect sensitive personal data.

The new executive order will also develop further options to protect sensitive personal data and address the potential threat from certain connected applications by directing the Department of Commerce, in consultation with other U.S. departments and agencies, to make recommendations for protection against harm from the sale, transfer of or access to sensitive personal data.

Additionally, the Department of Commerce will make recommendations for additional executive and legislative actions to further address the risk associated with foreign adversary connected software applications.

Donald Trump targeted TikTok last year with a series of executive orders citing concerns over the platform's threat to national security.

Courts temporarily blocked the attempted ban, however TikTok still sued the administration on the grounds that the United States leadership, including its chief executive officer, global chief security officer and general counsel, are U.S. citizens residing stateside, and therefore are not subject to Chinese law ([see story](#)).

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