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TikTok, WeChat app ban explained

Bad news for Tik-Tok and WeChat users. The United States government is bringing down the hammer and banning the Chinese owned apps from being downloaded and US app stores as of Sunday. But will the app still work? That part's complicated. Let's break it down. On Friday, the US Commerce Department issued a ban on Chinese owned social networking apps TikTok and WeChat. Citing national security and data privacy concerns. We'll get to those security issues in a minute. But for right now, it means you will not be able to download either app from Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store starting Sunday. Now if you already have either app on your phone, it means you will not be able to download any new updates. And there's another layer of prohibitions that kick in Sunday for WeChat. The app cannot host data or use servers in the US, so don't expect the app to run smoothly anymore. There are about 19 million daily active users in the US who use WeChat as a way to talk to family and friends and conduct business. This could cut off folks from communicating on the platform effectively, but that seems service cut off won't happen for TikTok. That is until November 12, just after the US election. The Trump administration is giving TikTok owner Bytedance time to make a deal to sell TikTok to an American company. So yes, the app and the ability to make and share short videos will still work for a while. But for it to keep working well and get security updates, the US and Chinese government would need to approve a sale. TikTok expressed disappointment in an email statement, saying in "our proposal to the US administration, we've already committed to unprecedented levels of additional transparency and accountability well beyond what other apps are willing to do, including third party audits verification of code security, and US government oversight of US data security. Further, an American technology provider will be responsible for maintaining and operating the TikTok network in the US, which would include all services and data serving us consumers." This all comes after weeks of drama between US and Chinese authorities to come to an agreement that would allow the apps to continue operating. The Trump administration is currently reviewing a deal between Oracle and Bytedance to make the US company the quote "trusted technology provider" in the US for TikTok and in order to address the security concerns.

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LA FICHE DESCRIPTIVE DE LA SITUATION PROPOSÉE**

1^{re} PARTIE, DESTINÉE AU CANDIDAT

SITUATION PROPOSÉE (*rédiger ci-dessous en langue anglaise, utiliser autant de place que nécessaire*) :

You work in a smartphone shop and a customer is worried about the security of his / her personal data when he / she uses his / her phone. Be ready to answer his / her questions.

2^e PARTIE, DESTINÉE À L'EXAMINATEUR

ATTENDUS (*rédiger ci-dessous, utiliser autant de place que nécessaire*) :

Talk about security settings on the phone

QUESTIONS CLÉS (*rédiger ci-dessous, utiliser autant de place que nécessaire*) :

- Do you make sure where the app come from when you download them?
- Do you read the terms and conditions?
- Are you careful about the permissions you give?

SOLUTION(S) ATTENDUE(S) (*rédiger ci-dessous, utiliser autant de place que nécessaire*) :

- set security settings on the phone
- don't connect to public network
- be careful about the permissions you give when you download apps