

Russia Mulls Phone-Blocking

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Russia may soon legalize technology that can block signals from mobile telephones, Kommersant reported Tuesday.

The technology, which could be implemented in theaters, churches and in educational institutions during exams, will be discussed at the next meeting of the State Commission for Radio Frequencies on March 16.

It works by emitting noise that blocks radio signals and can be used to limit the transmission of data and calls by cell phones.

The technology can be tailored to allow certain phone numbers to work while blocking others.

The Kommersant report said such devices are already available for purchase and are being used in some theaters, although this is illegal.

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