

## **Uzbeks Extend MTS Ban**

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An Uzbek court has extended the suspension of a license held by a local subsidiary of MTS for a further three months, an Uzbek regulator said Monday.

Citing MTS's failure to eliminate an alleged breach of license requirements, the order extends a 10-day suspension ordered on July 17 as part of a dispute that involved a criminal case against MTS managers and a back-tax claim.

Uzbekistan's Agency of Communication and Information said on its website that MTS had asked to resume operations but was denied after "further monitoring" unveiled violations. In a statement on Monday, MTS said that it had fulfilled all the regulator's requirements since its license was suspended.

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