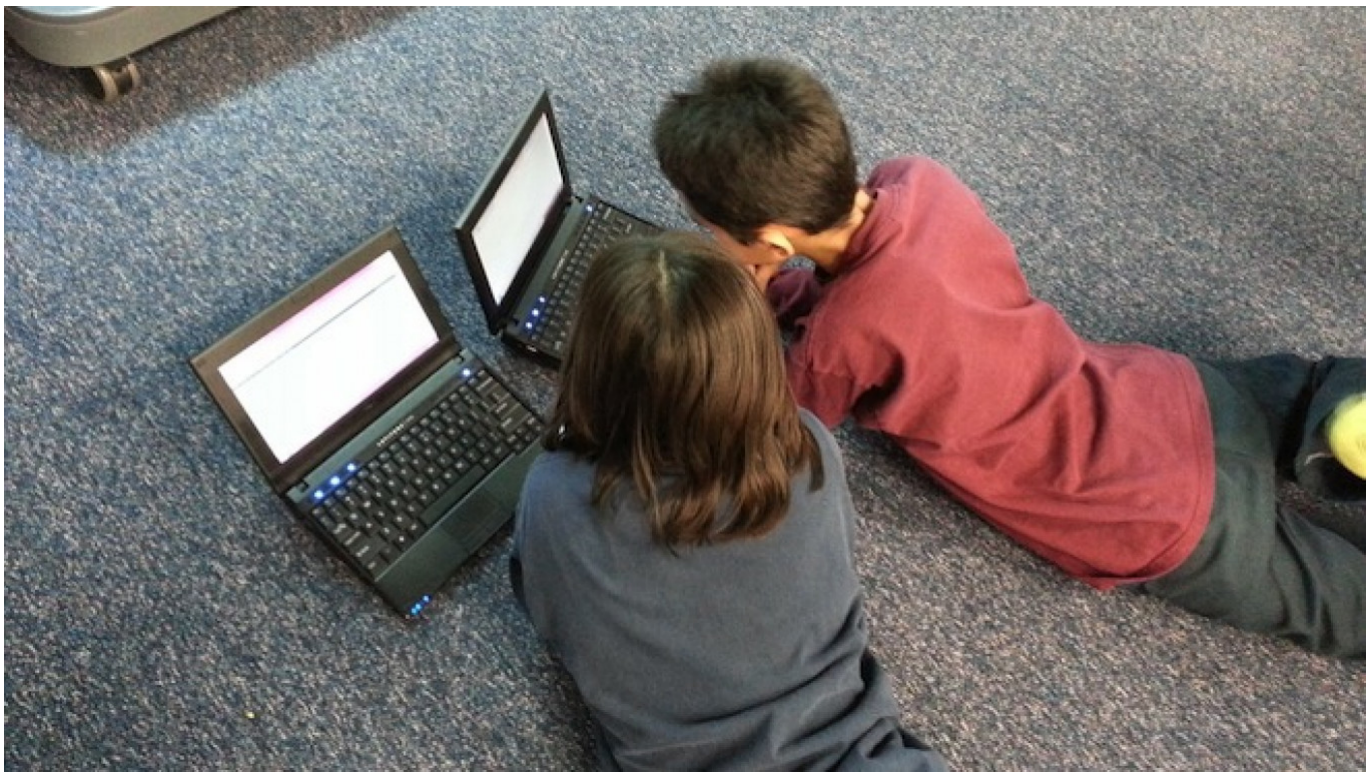
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Communications watchdog Roskomnadzor has blocked access to the Russian version of PornHub and 10 other porn sites in a move that will complicate Russians' access to online porn.

The watchdog published an online statement Monday announcing a ban on 11 websites ruled to contain unlawful pornographic content based on a Krasnodar region's court ruling.

The list of banned websites includes the Russian-language version of PornHub — one of the Internet's biggest free porn portals — the Lenta.ru news website reported, citing a copy of the ruling.

PornHub.ru was unavailable Tuesday, and a message said it had been blocked for containing unlawful content.

The court said PornHub and 10 other websites violated a regulatory law protecting children from harmful information, Lenta.ru reported.

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