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Google Fined $7M by Russian Competition Watchdog

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Russia's anti-monopoly regulator has fined U.S. technology giant Google 438 million rubles ($6.7 million) for abusing its dominant position in the Russian market.

Google was found guilty of breaking competition laws by forcing phone manufacturers to pre-install its applications with the Android platform after a complaint was filed by a Russian competitor. Google must pay the fine in full within two months, but the regulator insists an out-of-court settlement is still open, .

Google recently moved ahead of rival Yandex as Russia's most popular online service, the Vedomosti newspaper wrote, attributing the company's success to Google's Android operating system.

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