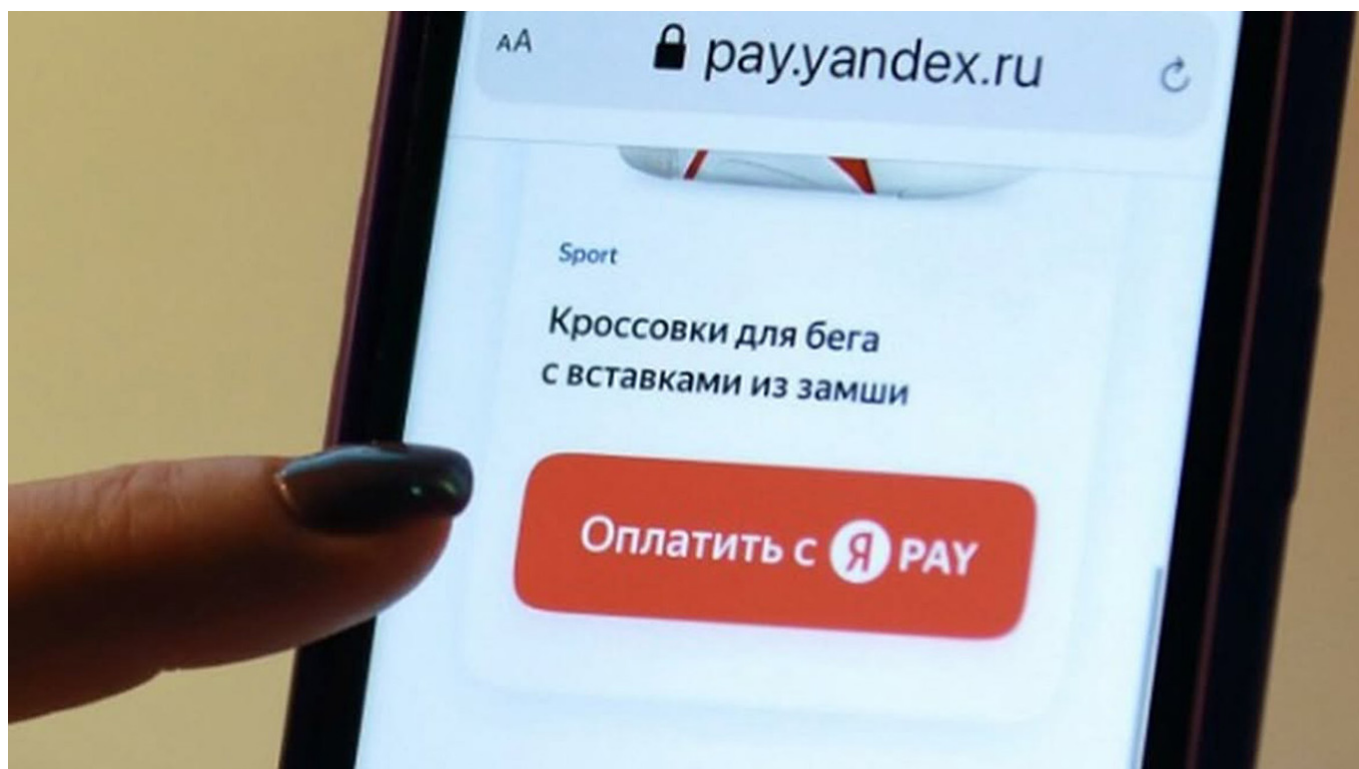


Apple Removes Yandex's Payment Service App

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Major Russian digital wallet and payment service Yandex Pay [said](#) Wednesday that its application had been removed from Apple's App Store.

The removal means iPhone users in Russia can no longer download or update Yandex Pay. The app allows users to store cards, make contactless payments and split purchases across Yandex's suite of services.

In a statement, Yandex Pay assured customers that their money remained secure and that the app would continue to function for users who already had it installed.

"Most importantly, don't delete the app," Yandex Pay said, urging users to turn off automatic updates and use its web-based version within mobile browsers instead.

"We're sad this happened too... We'll figure something out with the app," Yandex Pay said.

Apple has not publicly commented on the removal, though it has [delisted](#) apps linked to

sanctioned Russian entities in recent months.

While Yandex Pay has not itself been targeted directly by Western sanctions, Yandex Bank was [sanctioned](#) by the United Kingdom in June.

Yandex Pay is still available for Android users on Google Play.

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