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### Apple vs. Samsung suit: Galaxy Tab 10.1 sales blocked in Europe

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Sales of Samsung's Galaxy Tab 10.1 are set to come to a screeching halt in Europe.

A preliminary injunction granted to Apple Inc. by a court in Dusseldorf, Germany, will stop the sales and marketing of Samsung's Galaxy Tab 10.1 tablet computer across the continent, with the exception of the Netherlands, according to a report by [the Telegraph](#).

The injunction is a significant win for Apple, which in April [sued](#) Samsung in a patent dispute alleging the Galaxy tablet and phone lines were rip-offs of the iPad and iPhone.

Samsung was disappointed by the decision and plans to fight the injunction, a spokeswoman for the company said.

The company added that it was not made aware a request for injunction was filed and that they were unable to present evidence before the order was issued.

"We will take all necessary measures to ensure Samsung's innovative mobile communications devices are available to customers in Europe and around the world," the spokeswoman said.

Although Samsung can appeal the injunction, the earliest it could receive a hearing would be in a month, according to the Telegraph report.

The suspension of the Galaxy line in Europe comes a week after the South Korean corporation agreed to stop sales of the line in [Australia](#) until the patent battle with Apple is resolved.

In previous court filings, Apple, which did not respond to a request for comment, has argued that the "look and feel" of Galaxy products infringe on 10 of its patents. Samsung, however, has filed its own countersuits in a number of countries.

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
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Apple: Why innovate when you can litigate? Can't wait to see this injunction reversed. In the meanwhile, any of my EU friends want to get a Tab? I'd be happy to ship one to you! I'm quite happy with mine.


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