TikTok isn’t back in the App Store yet

TikTok announced on Sunday that it’s “in the process of restoring service,” but the app is still unavailable in the App Store and Google Play. If you search for TikTok on the App Store, you’ll see a message saying, “TikTok and other ByteDance apps are not available in the country or region you’re in,” while Google Play says, “Downloads for this app are paused due to current US legal requirements.”

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But on Sunday, TikTok has returned for some users in the US “in agreement” with its service providers, the company said. A pop-up displayed within the app thanks users for their patience and says its restoration comes “as a result of President Trump’s efforts.”

None of the companies involved have responded to requests for further comment. However, its restoration so far suggests that the app’s hosting provider, Oracle, and its CDN partner, Akamai, are relying on Trump’s promise that there would be “no liability” for companies that support TikTok. Others in the government, like Republican Senator Tom Cotton, commended the app stores for removing ByteDance apps and said any company that facilitates TikTok “could face hundreds of billions of dollars of ruinous liability under the law, not just from DOJ, but also under securities law, shareholder lawsuits, and state AGs.”

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