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# *Apple, Bowing to Russian Pressure, Recognizes Crimea Annexation on Map*

By Andrew Higgins



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The tech giant, following Google and others, has bowed to Russian demands that its apps not show Crimea as belonging to Ukraine on digital maps seen in Russia.



Russian sailors marching during a Navy Day parade in the Black Sea port of Sevastopol, Crimea, in July. Credit...Alexey Pavlishak/Reuters

MOSCOW — Since it grabbed Crimea from Ukraine five years ago, Russia has made no headway in getting the United States or the European Union to recognize the annexed Black Sea peninsula as Russian.

But Russia's Parliament is now rejoicing at getting at least Apple to fall partly into line. When viewed from inside Russia, Apple apps show Crimea as part of the Russian Federation and separated from Ukraine by an international border.

This means that Apple has joined Google, Yandex and some other technology companies in redrawing Ukraine's borders to satisfy Moscow's territorial claims, at least for customers viewing their maps on devices inside Russia. Viewed on devices outside Russia, Crimea remains part of Ukraine.

Unlike printed maps, online cartography can shift, providing alternative realities to comfort the likely political leanings of the viewer and the policies of his or her government. This means that borders over which armies and diplomats have battled for centuries are no longer entirely static but often follow a course that exists only in the eye of the beholder.

"Our situation with Apple has now been resolved," Vasily Piskaryov, the chairman of the security and anticorruption committee of the State Duma, Russia's lower house of Parliament, said on Wednesday. "We see that everything has happened the way we wanted it."

Mr. Piskaryov told the Interfax news agency that his committee would continue to monitor Apple apps to ensure "there is no going back" to previous maps that showed Crimea as part of Ukraine or as a territory belonging to neither Russia nor Ukraine.

Leonid Levin, the head of the Duma's Information Policy Committee, told the news agency that Apple "has demonstrated a wish to preserve and develop its position on the Russia market." He added that the company's decision "to bring the state of its cartographic services into compliance with the requirements of the legislation of Russia can only be welcomed."

Ukraine protested Apple's cave-in to Russia, with [its foreign minister, Vadym Prystaiko, writing on Twitter](#) that the company should "stick to high-tech and entertainment" and stay out of politics. "Global politics is not your strong side," he said.

The Ukrainian Embassy in Washington also voiced dismay that Apple had accepted Russian claims. [In a post on Twitter, the embassy](#) said that occupation did not confer sovereignty and noted that Ukrainians were "not giving any thanks to @Apple this #Thanksgiving."

#### **Editors' Picks**

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The United States and the European Union imposed sanctions on Russia over its seizure of Crimea, and both still view the peninsula as part of Ukraine.

Crimea is mainly Russian-speaking and inhabited mostly by ethnic Russians, but it was recognized by Moscow — and all other capitals — as belonging to Ukraine until Russia changed its mind in 2014.

After sending “little green men” — Russian special forces in uniforms stripped of identifying insignia — to seize Crimean government buildings, it held a referendum that endorsed the change. Russia hailed the vote as an act of democracy, but the West viewed it as window-dressing for an unacceptable military aggression.

Apple had been negotiating with Duma representatives since May over what the Russian Parliament had denounced as its “inaccurate” maps of Crimea. Apple did not respond to requests for comment on the Crimea decision.

Ukraine has struggled, with considerable success, since the 2014 annexation of Crimea to prevent the appearance of maps in foreign print publication that suggest the peninsula belongs to Russia. But it has had far less success online, where frontiers often change depending on where they are being viewed from.

And Russia is not the only country that has raised such a fuss over cartography. China has for years waged much the same battle over Taiwan, insisting that the self-governing island be shown as part of the People’s Republic of China.

A growing number of American companies have in recent months [tried to appease Beijing by recognizing its claims over Taiwan](#). Last year, the clothing retailer Gap issued an apology to China after a map on a T-shirt sold in North America did not depict Taiwan as part of China.

China has also been successful in getting Apple to tailor the iPhone ecosystem to suit Beijing’s demands. Apple regularly removes apps that run afoul of Chinese laws. These sometimes include apps that connect users to gambling or pornography, but also include the apps of [foreign news outlets like The New York Times](#) and [even Apple’s own news app](#). Apple has also removed apps [that would let users leapfrog the country’s censorship controls](#).

Tim Cook, Apple’s chief executive, said at a conference two years ago that he disagreed with some Chinese policies but that Apple must comply with the law wherever it operates.

“Each country in the world decides their laws and their regulations, and so your choice is: Do you participate? Or do you stand on the sideline and yell at how things should be?” he said. “You get in the arena, because nothing ever changes from the sideline.”

# Apple changes Crimea map to meet Russian demands

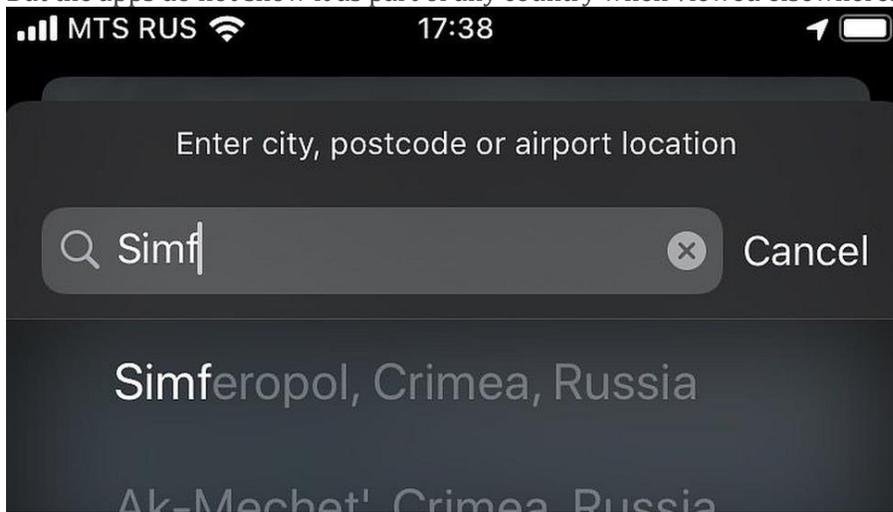
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**Apple has complied with Russian demands to show the annexed Crimean peninsula as part of Russian territory on its apps.**

Russian forces annexed Crimea from Ukraine in March 2014, drawing international condemnation.

The region, which has a Russian-speaking majority, is now shown as Russian territory on Apple Maps and its Weather app, when viewed from Russia.

But the apps do not show it as part of any country when viewed elsewhere.



APPLE WEATHER The Apple Weather app now lists Crimea as part of Russia



APPLE MAPS Apple Maps does not show a border between Crimea and Russia

The State Duma, the Russian parliament's lower house, said in a statement: "Crimea and Sevastopol now appear on Apple devices as Russian territory."

Russia treats the naval port city of Sevastopol as a separate region.

The BBC tested several iPhones in Moscow and it appears the change affects devices set up to use the Russian edition of Apple's App Store.

Apple had been in talks with Russia for several months over what the **State Duma described as "inaccuracy"** in the way Crimea was labelled.

The tech giant originally suggested it could show Crimea as undefined territory - part of neither Russia nor Ukraine.

But Vasily Piskaryov, chairman of the Duma security and anti-corruption committee, said Apple had complied with the Russian constitution.

He said representatives of the company were reminded that labelling Crimea as part of Ukrainian territory was a criminal offence under Russian law, according to Interfax news agency.

"There is no going back," Mr Piskaryov said. "Today, with Apple, the situation is closed - we have received everything we wanted."

He said Russia was always open to "dialogue and constructive co-operation with foreign companies".

Apple has not yet commented on the decision.



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Google, which also produces a popular Maps app, also shows Crimea as belonging to Russia when viewed from the country. The changes happened in March.

When Google Maps is viewed from Ukraine, the maps show no clear border between Crimea and Ukraine but also no border between Crimea and Russia, according to BBC Monitoring.

Most of the international community, including the EU and the US, does not recognise the annexation of Crimea to Russia.

The loss of Crimea is a deep wound for Ukrainians. Shortly after the peninsula was annexed in early 2014, a separate conflict broke out in the eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions when separatists moved against the Ukrainian state.

Ukraine and the West accuse Russia of sending its troops to the region and arming the separatists.

Moscow denies this but says that Russian volunteers are helping the rebels. More than 13,000 people have been killed in the conflict.

The BBC does not show Crimea as part of Russia on its maps, but shows a dotted line to mark disputed territory.

# Ukraine condemns Apple for calling Crimea part of Russia in its apps

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## KEY POINTS

- For users of Apple devices in Crimea, the territory is now shown as part of Russia when it is searched on the U.S. tech giant's Weather or Map apps.
- However, those same apps do not show Crimea as part of any country when it is viewed from outside of the region.
- Apple commented on the situation on Friday.



A re:Store shop in Tverskaya Street as Apple launches iPhone XS, iPhone XS Max, and iPhone XR sales in Russia.

*Anton Novoderezhkin | TASS | Getty Images*

[Ukraine](#) has denounced [Apple](#) for referring to the annexed Crimean Peninsula as a [Russian](#) territory on its apps.

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The way global companies identify Crimea has been a highly sensitive issue for both countries since Kremlin-backed forces annexed the region from Ukraine in March 2014.

Ukraine and its Western allies have maintained that this move was illegal.

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The State Duma, Russia's lower house of parliament, [said in a statement](#) on the chamber's website on Wednesday that Apple had "fulfilled its obligations and brought the applications on its devices in compliance with the requirements of the Russian legislation."



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## ‘Huge scandal’

The U.S. and European Union do not recognize Crimea as part of Russia and have imposed sanctions against individuals they believe have violated Ukraine’s territorial integrity.

Shortly after the annexation of Crimea just over five years ago, a separate conflict broke out in the eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine.

Ukraine and its allies have accused Moscow of sending troops to the region and arming separatists. The Kremlin has denied this but says Russian volunteers are helping the fighters.

Former world chess champion Gary Kasparov suggested Apple’s decision to change its maps inside Crimea to make it appear as part of Russia constituted “a huge scandal.”



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Apple changing its maps inside Russia to make Crimea part of Russia is a huge scandal. Regionalization of facts is unacceptable appeasement.

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[Apple alters Maps and Weather to show Crimea as a Russian territory](#)

[But the change only applies if you’re actually in Russia.](#)

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“Software is soft power. American tech companies should stand up for the values of innovation that made their success possible, not bow down to dictators for a little extra cash they don’t even need. Call Putin’s bluff,” Kasparov, a long-time critic of the Russian president, said via Twitter on Wednesday.

Last month, Apple was [caught in the crosshairs](#) of Chinese state media, when it was criticized for a mapping app in its app store that allowed Hong Kong protesters to track the movement of police.

Apple responded on Friday.

“We would like to clarify for our customers around the world that we have not made any changes to Apple Maps regarding Crimea outside of Russia, where a new law went into effect that required us to update the map within Russia,” Apple said.

“We review international law as well as relevant US and other domestic laws before making a determination in labelling on our Maps and make changes if required by law. We are taking a deeper look at how we handle disputed borders in our services and may make changes in the future as a result. Our intention is to make sure our customers can enjoy using Maps and other Apple services, everywhere in the world.”