

**AIC Media Statement on
Proposed Amendments to the Telecommunications Business Act of Korea**

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As one of the most developed countries in the world, it is disheartening to see South Korea pursue legislation that may contravene the country's international trade commitments. The explicit targeting of foreign tech companies goes against the grain of Korea's ambition to be a key player in advancing free and open digital economies through digital trade and undermines its credibility as a reliable trade partner. These expressly discriminatory amendments tilt the playing field in favour of Korean domestic app markets and will ultimately hurt Korean app developers and end-users that value the services provided in the current Korean mobile app ecosystem.

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