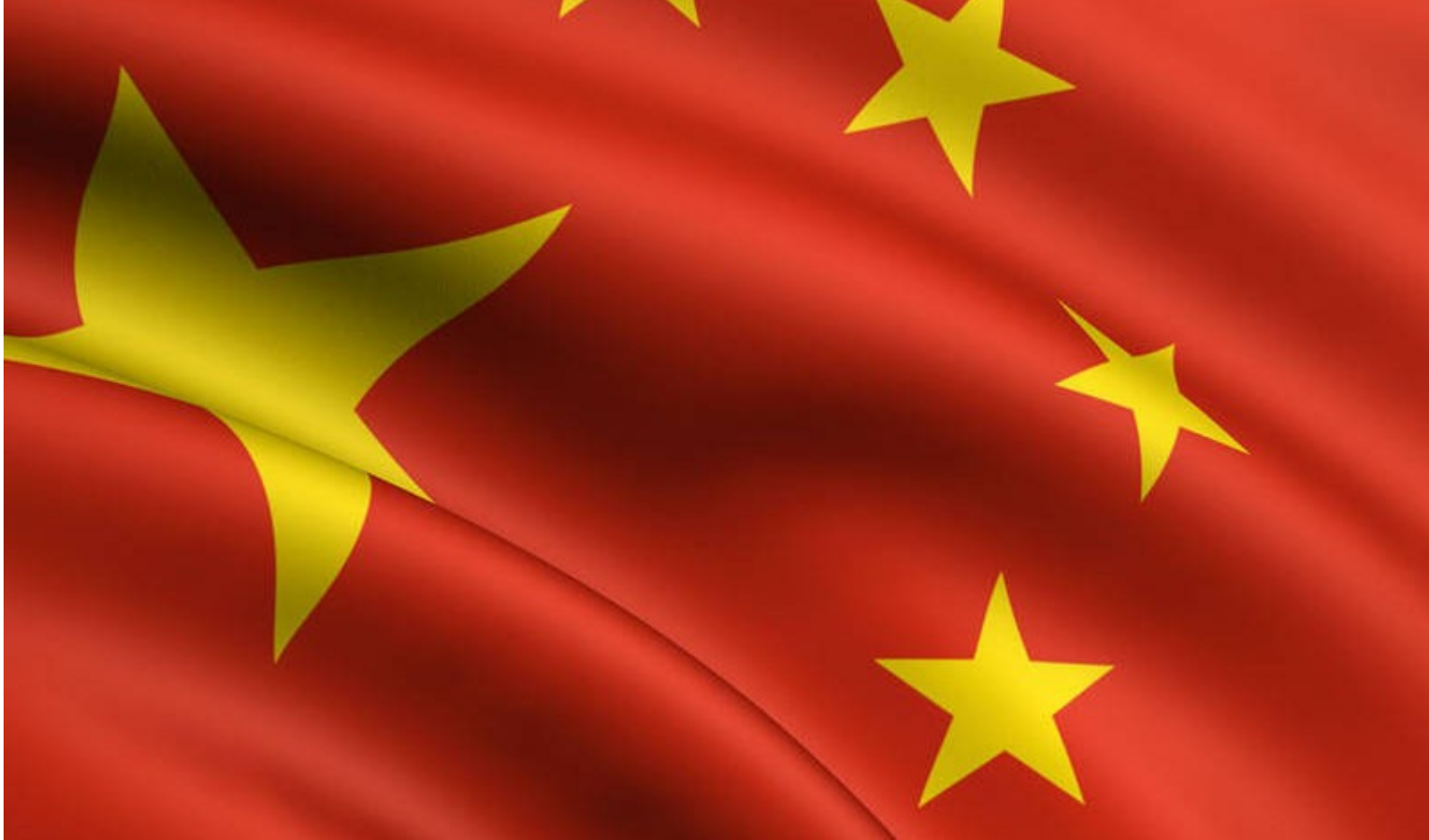


China bans the Installation of Windows 8 on Government PCs

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It was coming, it was coming.

Now, where have I read the words ban and China in one sentence before?

The government in the country has **banned the usage of Windows 8 on government computers**, in a move that might have a lot of say in Microsoft's efforts to boost sales of its products (hardware and software) in China.

And although the Central Government Procurement Center has not actually provided an official reason for this decision, but it mentions that the ban is part of its efforts to **conserve energy**.

You guessed, it has nothing to do with Windows 8!

Now this might tie in with the fact that Redmond **did not budge** when [requested](#) to extend support for Windows XP in the country, soon after the Chinese government purchased **original licenses** for this particular operating system.

Or perhaps the government wants some **special discounts** from Microsoft for Windows 8, as it has [cited](#) cost as one of the reason for now upgrading to the modern platform.

China has also started [development](#) of its very own Windows XP alternative based on Linux, which the government hopes users will give a try. This OS is set to be offered **free of charge** to all users in the country, and sports a user interface **similar** to Windows XP.

No statement from Microsoft on this important development yet.

Perhaps one is incoming?

- See more at: <http://windows9update.com/2014/05/20/china-bans-installation-windows-8-government-pcs/#sthash.0m0eA8PR.dpuf>