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The announcement comes after Microsoft on Friday defeated a last-ditch effort by the US Federal Trade Commission to scuttle the £ , company's \$68.7 billion purchase of Activision Blizzard. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals declined to grant the regulator an emergency stay £ , of a ruling that allows the deal to proceed in the US. The United Kingdom's Markets and Competition Authority (CMA) £ , is the last remaining regulator of note opposed to the purchase, but the watchdog and Microsoft recently agreed to put £ , their legal battle over the deal on hold and negotiate a compromise.</p>

We are pleased to announce that Microsoft and @PlayStation £ , have signed a binding agreement to keep Call of Duty on PlayStation following the acquisition of Activision Blizzard. We look £ , forward to a future where players globally have more choice to play their favorite games. Phil Spencer (@XboxP3) July £ , 16, 2024</p>

"From Day One of this acquisition, we've been committed to addressing the concerns of regulators, platform and game developers, £ , and consumers," Microsoft President and Vice Chair Brad Smith tweeted in response to Spencer's post. "Even after we cross the £ , finish line for this deal's approval, we will remain focused on ensuring that Call of Duty remains available on more £ , platforms and for more consumers than ever before."</p>

Spencer did not disclose the terms of Microsoft's deal with Sony, though Stephen £ , Totilo of Axios later confirmed that it is 10 years in duration. Microsoft first offered Sony a 10-year deal to £ , keep Call of Duty on current and future PlayStation consoles at the end of last year, though the Japanese electronics £ , giant turned down the olive branch at the time. In an effort to secure approval from regulators, including the FTC £ , and CMA, Microsoft went on to sign an agreement with Nintendo to bring the series to the company's future consoles. £ , It also came to terms with cloud gaming providers like NVIDIA.</p>

Before today, Jim Ryan, the president and CEO of Sony £ , Interactive Entertainment, made clear he was strongly opposed to Microsoft's Activision bid. I don't want a new Call of Duty £ , deal. I just want to block your merger,

Ryan told Activision CEO Bobby Kotick. I told him [Kotick] that I £ , thought the transaction was anti-competitive, I hoped that the regulators would do their job and block it, Ryan later said £ , during his testimony at the FTC v. Microsoft hearing. But with the purchase all but set to move forward, Sony £ , likely had no choice but to come to terms with its rival.</p>

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