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A U.S. district court judge on Friday rejected Apple Inc.'s request to ban sales of Samsung Electronic Co.'s smartphones and tablets.

Though the Cupertino, California-based company has scored victories over Samsung in its multi-country patent infringement battle, Apple has failed to convince the District Court Judge Lucy Koh to issue a preliminary injunction, banning sales of Samsung gadgets in the nation.

As a result, Samsung can continue to sell the Galaxy S 4G, Infuse 4G, Droid Charge, and Galaxy Tab 10.1 in the United States.

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In a ruling issued late Friday, Koh stated, "Apple has failed to establish that it would be irreparably harmed in the absence of a preliminary injunction."

She added, "A size that can be handheld, a screen that encompasses a large portion of the front face of the smartphone, and a speaker on the upper portion of the front face of the product are non-ornamental."

Friday's ruling in U.S. district court follows Apple's victory in extending the sales ban on Samsung latest Galaxy tablet in Australia.

An Australian court has extended the ban on the release of Samsung's Galaxy Tab 10.1 by one week to Dec. 9.

Samsung confident of winning trial:- The South Korean giant has welcomed ruling denying Apple's request for a preliminary injunction.

"This ruling confirms our long-held view that Apple's arguments lack merit," it said in a statement. The company based in California has scored victories over Samsung in its multi-country patent infringement battle, Apple has failed to convince the District Court Judge Lucy Koh to issue a preliminary injunction, banning sales of Samsung gadgets in the nation.

"We are confident that we can demonstrate the distinctiveness of Samsung's mobile devices when the case goes to trial next year," Samsung added.

Apple and Samsung's patent case in the U.S. court is scheduled to begin on July 30, 2012.

Apple-Samsung war:- The two tech giants have been locked in patent battle since April. Apple has accused Samsung of blatantly copying designs of its iPhone and iPad.

Australian court has extended the ban on the release of Samsung's Galaxy Tab 10.1 by one week to Dec. 9. Meanwhile, Samsung has also filed suits against Apple, alleging violation of multiple wireless technology patents. The South Korean giant has welcomed ruling denying Apple's request for a preliminary injunction. Koh said that the size that can be handheld, a screen that encompasses a large portion of the front face of the smartphone, and a speaker on the upper portion of the front

face of the product are non-ornamental. Samsung can continue to sell Galaxy S 4G, Infuse 4G, Droid Charge, and Galaxy Tab 10.1 in the United States.

The two companies are fighting patent battle in 10 countries.

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