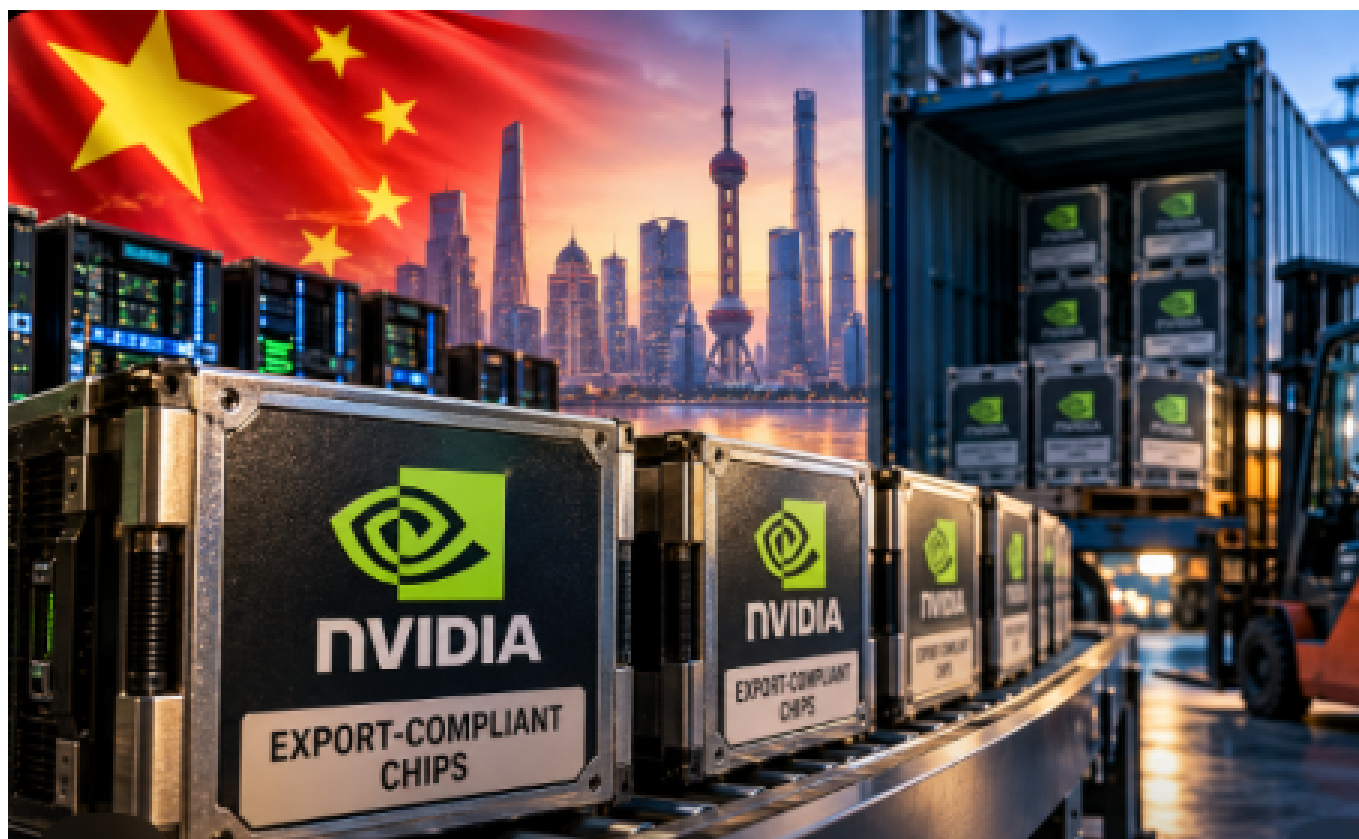


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China's tech giants order \$35B of Nvidia's export-compliant chips

ByteDance, Alibaba and Tencent are buying up the most powerful Nvidia cards still allowed into China. It shows US export controls are redirecting China's AI chip demand, not ending it.

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Washington banned Nvidia's best chips from China, so China is buying the next best thing in bulk.

ByteDance, Alibaba and Tencent have reportedly ordered more than 3 million RTX PRO 5500 cards at roughly \$11,400 each, worth over \$35 billion in total. They want them mainly for inference, the work of running trained AI models.

The catch is supply. Total Chinese orders top 6 million units, but Nvidia may make only about 3 million in 2027, and some partners could receive just 5–10% of what they asked for. Nvidia has said it can't guarantee delivery.

Jensen Huang has said US curbs shrank Nvidia's share of China's AI data-centre market to almost nothing. Read the \$35 billion as pent-up demand rather than a sales figure.

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