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Subject: Resale of Russian diesel by the US: preventing the circumvention of sanctions and protecting EU consumers

According to the Associated Press, President Trump says he has struck a deal with President Putin to buy Russian diesel, marking a reversal in the US policy of applying economic pressure on Moscow.¹

The EU prohibits the direct or indirect purchase and import of restricted Russian-origin petroleum products. Their resale through US operators cannot be used as a way to bypass those bans.

Trump's deal therefore raises questions about the risk of Russian diesel being marketed as US supply and reaching the European market, potentially at prices inflated by the involvement of intermediaries, thereby undermining sanctions and driving up costs for businesses and households.

In light of the above:

1. How will the Commission ensure that maintaining sanctions on Russian diesel does not result in European households and businesses buying the very same product at a mark-up through US intermediaries?
2. What checks are in place to ensure that diesel imported from the United States or purchased from US operators is not of Russian origin, even where it has been resold, rerouted in transit, transhipped or blended with other fuels?
3. What further steps will the Commission take to prevent such indirect imports, ensure supply traceability and protect European consumers from the risk of buying Russian diesel at inflated prices through US intermediaries?

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¹ <https://apnews.com/article/trump-russia-diesel-midterms-12bacc7aade559bf329079b0548c9da>.