

Travel 'Back to Normal' at Ukrainian Border

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Russia has begun letting through hundreds of trucks from Ukraine that had been held up at the border by new custom rules, the Federal Customs Service said in a statement Wednesday.

More than 200 trucks, which got stuck at the border when the rules came in on Oct. 28, have been "processed" at three border-crossing points since Tuesday, the statement said, Interfax reported.

The border holdup marked the latest in a series of disputes over Ukraine's plans to sign a free trade agreement with the European Union. Russia strongly opposes the move, pressuring Ukraine to join the Moscow-led Customs Union of former Soviet republics instead.

Russia said that it had openly announced its new custom rules, but Ukrainian officials argued that the changes were made without warning.

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