

3 Tankers of Russian Diesel Headed for North America, Russian Deputy PM Says

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Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak. **REUTERS / Anastasia Barashkova**

Three tankers carrying Russian diesel are on their way to North America, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak said on Friday.

Novak, in a statement quoted by Russian news agencies, said the cargos were part of a deal to supply U.S. and world markets.

"The first three fuel tankers are already on their way to the eastern coast of the Atlantic Ocean, with significant support from the RDIF [Russian Direct Investment Fund]," Novak said.

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Novak said Russian companies could supply 500,000 metric tons in October.

Under a deal announced this month by U.S. President Donald Trump, Russia agreed to supply diesel to global markets in an effort to lower fuel prices. The Trump administration temporarily lifted U.S. sanctions on Russian fuel that were designed to deprive Moscow of revenues for its war on Ukraine.

The deal as announced by Trump provided for 300,000 metric tons in October and more later.

A Reuters exclusive story published earlier on Friday, quoting ship-tracking data, said the first Russian diesel was on board a tanker headed for New York.

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