

## Ukrainian pleas as latest ‘blood oil’ shipment arrives

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A Singapore-flagged tanker containing fuel refined from Russian “blood oil” has arrived in Perth amid Ukrainian pleas for the Albanese government to end the trade.

The Hafnia Lillesand was moored at Kwinana on Tuesday, preparing to discharge nearly 100,000 tonnes of diesel at BP’s import terminal.

The fuel was produced at India’s Jamnagar Refinery, with about 43,000 tonnes of the tanker’s total load believed to be derived from Russian crude.

Mark Corrigan, a Hobart-based engineer who has closely tracked shipments of blood oil-refined fuel into Australia, said the revenue to the Kremlin from the shipment was estimated at about \$20m, while about the same amount would flow to Russian oil interests.

“That can buy a lot of Shaked drones and Iskander missiles,” he said, referring to two of Russia’s main weapons in its war on Ukraine.

Australian Federation of Ukrainian Associations co-chair Kateryna Argyrou said the arrival of another blood oil tanker was deeply concerning, underscoring the “direct link” between Australian motorists and the “genocidal” Russian regime.

“Despite Australia’s direct sanctions on Russia, this fuel is, in effect, ‘laundered’ Russian oil. It’s been refined in India but its origins are clear,” she said. “This means the fuel we are importing is indirectly funding the Russian war machine, which is killing Ukrainians, destroying cities and devastating critical civilian infrastructure every single day.

“Every dollar flowing to the Kremlin from Australia is a dollar used to destroy Ukraine and prolong this genocidal war.”

Ms Argyrou said the government’s failure to crack down on blood oil imports was “baffling and inexcusable”.

“It’s just devastating that the Albanese government is allowing this loophole to exist. It’s a foreign policy failure which is leading to the death of innocent people and the destruction of homes and lives in Ukraine,” she said.

The Jamnagar Refinery’s parent company, Reliance Industries, last week announced it would stop importing Russian oil after Donald Trump imposed new sanctions on Russian producers and slapped higher tariffs on India.

Yet the refinery is still producing fuel from Russian oil, which made up 43 per cent of its crude oil supplies as of October.

A BP spokeswoman said: “BP takes compliance with sanctions and export controls seriously and seeks to comply with all applicable regulatory frameworks around the world. We continue to have processes and controls for maintaining compliance with - applicable trade sanctions.”

New EU rules have been introduced to ban imports of fuel derived from Russian oil from January 21 next year, by requiring European companies to seek assurances from refiners that their product is blood oil-free.

A spokeswoman for Foreign Minister Penny Wong said the impact of the European ban was yet to be seen. “This ban is not yet in place and it is not clear how it will be implemented in practice. We note that unlike Australia, Europe still has some direct imports of Russian oil,” she said.

She said the government was liaising closely with the EU and Britain, which has vowed to take Russian oil off the market.

While Australia is yet to implement its own measures to halt the flow of blood oil from third countries, she urged Australian fuel importers to “do the right thing”.