

EU envoys approve new Russia sanctions listings, diplomats say

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Summary

More than half involve Russia's ballistic missile production chain, including 9M723 Iskander-M
EU also adds 7 North Korean entities and individuals under its North Korea sanctions regime
Russia has ramped up ballistic missile attacks as Ukraine runs out of defence systems

BRUSSELS, Oct 7 (Reuters) - European Union envoys approved on Wednesday 1,646 new designations under the bloc's sanctions regime for Russia, with the majority focused on the country's military industrial complex, three EU diplomats said.

More than half of the newly added entities and individuals are involved in the chain of production of Russia's ballistic missiles, such as the 9M723 Iskander-M, which can only be intercepted by US-made Patriot air defence systems.

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Ukraine has virtually run out of these interceptors as the US military diverts resources to the Gulf, and Russia has seized on this vulnerability to ramp up [ballistic missile](#) strikes.

The designations include a range of entities involved in missile testing and research as well as the production of solid fuels and rocket engines for Russia's Iskander system. The EU is also targeting

producers of specialised textiles and synthetic and carbon fibres used across a range of different missile systems, one of the sources specified.

In addition, the list has drawn manufacturers, shipyards that service submarines and 77 Russian politicians



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The sanctions will be formally adopted when EU foreign ministers meet on Monday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said last week Moscow would not resume diesel exports - currently banned until the end of October - to global markets until sanctions are lifted.

The global diesel market has tightened due to the Iran war, which, combined with the loss of Russian diesel after Ukrainian strikes on Russian refineries, triggered shortages in Russia.

The EU, concerned about strengthening links between Russia and North Korea, also added seven North Korean entities and individuals linked to Moscow's war effort. In July, Ukrainian President Volodymyr

Zelenskiy said Russia struck Ukraine with [North Korean missiles](#) for the first time in nearly a year after an apparent stock replenishment.



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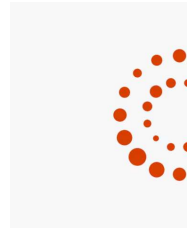
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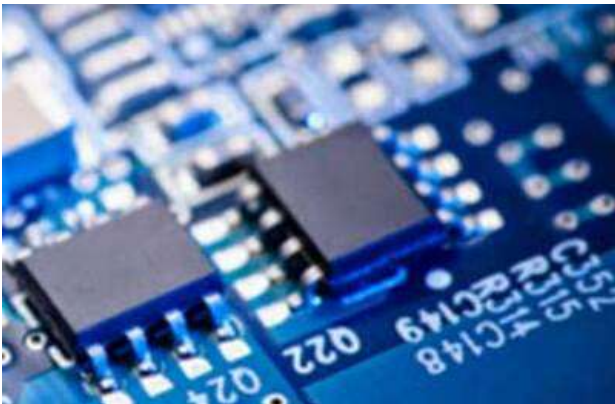
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