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### Using Advanced Analytics to Track Trade Flow of Sanctioned Russian Oligarchs and their Affiliated Businesses

NU Borders analyzed Russian manifests to determine sanctioned Russian Oligarchs' trade behavior. After Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published multiple, comprehensive sanctions packages targeting Russia including economic sanctions blocking the assets of many Russian oligarchs. NU Borders initiated a project identifying Russian Oligarch trade behavior between December 2016 and May 2021. Using advanced analytics and NU Borders' Big Data platform, Business Intelligence for Trade Enforcement (**BITE**), the team identified multiple shipments to and from businesses associated with the designated oligarchs.

To initiate this analysis, NU Border's subject matter experts utilized open-source information to identify over 60 Russian Oligarchs and their recently sanctioned family members. In addition to the Oligarchs, NU Borders identified over 70 businesses associated with the Oligarchs to establish patterns of trade behavior. Our analysis did not employ the OFAC 50% or more beneficial ownership rule but captured companies at any level of ownership by the Oligarchs.

Using NU Borders dataset of Oligarch's and their associated companies, NU Borders created a filter and applied it to Russian import and export data in the BITE platform.

The visuals below capture high-level patterns related to Oligarch-affiliated trade.

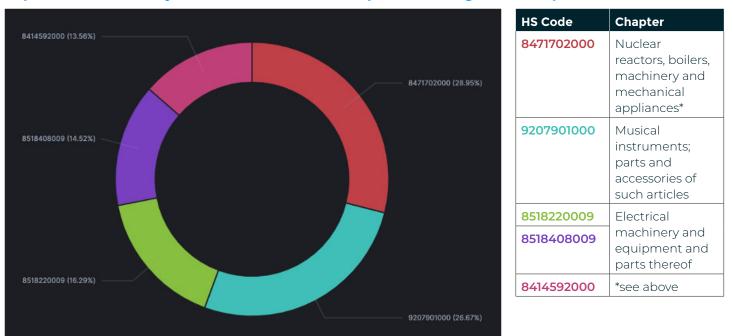


#### TOTAL TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING OLIGARCHS AND ASSOCIATED BUSINESSES:

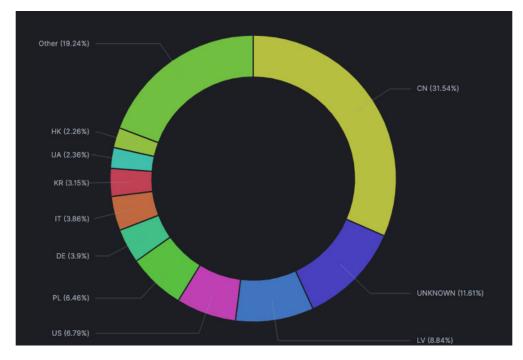
Our Oligarch list-based enrichment nets over 170,000 transactions, with two interesting findings. The first is in the uneven nature of the cargo values reported. Imports were a vast majority of the count, more than 156,000 transactions. However, the declared aggregate value of the import cargo was only slightly over \$5 billion USD. Exports, on the other hand, accounted for around 15,000 transactions but totaled over \$74 billion USD.

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#### **Top 5 Harmonized System Codes: Russian Imports for Oligarch Companies**

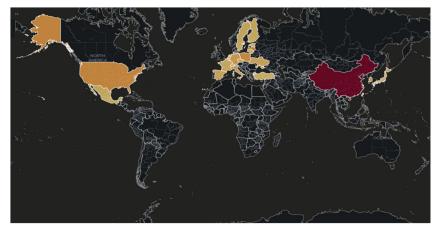


#### **Top 10 Countries of Origin Shipping to Russia**

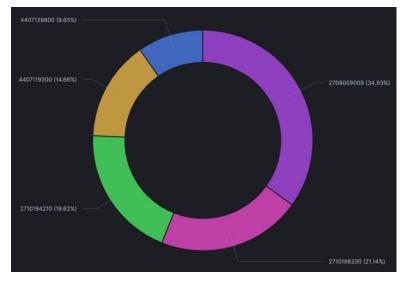


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#### **Countries of Origin Map**

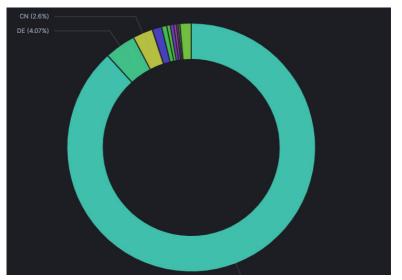


#### **Top 5 HS Codes: For Oligarch Companies Exporting From Russia**



HS Code	Chapter
2709009009	Mineral fuels,
2710198200	mineral oils and products. Of their distillation; bituminous substances
2710194210	
4407119300	Wood products
4407129800	

#### Top Countries of Destination for Russian Exports by Oligarch Companies



Countries	
UA – Ukraine – 88%	
DE – Germany – 4%	
CN – China – 2%	
UNKNOWN	
FR – France	
PL – Poland	
TW – Taiwan	
ES – Spain	
BY – Belarus	
GB – UK	
Other	