

On receipt of a tip from railway personnel that the freight did not match the shipping documents, KGB personnel discovered that high-grade fuel oil was being shipped from Kirishi by way of the port of Murmansk disguised as tar residue, a by-product of oil refining. The export of this fuel oil requires special government permission.

The loading of the fuel onto the tankers was immediately halted. In the course of the ensuing investigation it was learned that 60,000 tons of fuel oil had already been shipped out of the country through this port disguised as waste material. Another 20,000 tons were stored in the tanks of a local oil storage depot. The depot was being used by its owner - the self-financing foreign trade firm "Kirishineftekhimeksport" (Kirishi Petrochemical Export) for the export of goods.

Criminal proceedings for smuggling have been instituted.

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