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## KAZAKHSTAN CLOSES SANCTIONS-DODGING LOOPHOLES FOR RUSSIA, BELARUS

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*Kazakhstans largest bank has also suspended use of a popular Russian payment card.*

Astana has closed a loophole that was allowing Russian and Belarusian truckers to bring European Union cargo across Russia to Kazakhstan without the correct paperwork.

The clampdown comes as Kazakhstan continues efforts to comply with international sanctions against Russia and Belarus □ fellow partners in the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), a free trade zone - to avoid Western countries targeting Kazakhstan with secondary sanctions.

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