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ORGANIZATION OF MINISTRY OF FOOD INDUSTRY USSR

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.7

The People's Commissariat of Food Industry was established on 29 July 1934 by decree of the Central Executive Committee and the Council of People's Commissars USSR, which divided the People's Commissariat of Foreign and Internal Trade into the People's Commissariat of Internal Trade and the People's Commissariat of Food Industry. According to the Stalin Constitution of 1936 the People's Commissariat of Food Industry is a union-republic commissariat.(1) On 17 January 1939, the People's Commissariat of Food Industry was subdivided by a ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, into the People's Commissariat of Fish Industry, the People's Commissariat of Meat and Dairy Industry, and the People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR.(2) The People's Commissariat of Food Industry was charged with supervision of the baking and confectionary industry, the sugar, alcohol, and liqueur industries, the fats and perfume and cosmetic industries, and all other enterprises not transferred to the People's Commissariat of Meat and Dairy Industry or to the People's Commissariat of Fish Industry.(1) On 15 March 1946, the People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR became the Ministry of Food Industry USSR.

The Ministry of Gustatory Industry USSR was organized by a ukase of 15 July 1946. Enterprises, sovkhoses, and organizations of the following industries were transferred to its jurisdiction from the Ministry of Food Industry USSR: alcoholic spirits, viniculture, liqueur-vodka, brewing, mineral water and non-alcoholic beverages, perfume and cosmetics, volatile oils, tea, tobacco and makhorka, and the sulfite-alcohol and hydrolysis industry.(3) On 20 January 1949, the Ministry of Gustatory Industry USSR and the Ministry of Food Industry USSR were consolidated into the Ministry of Food Industry USSR.(4)

The most complete information on the organizational structure and functional competence of the Ministry of Food Industry USSR is embodied in a decree of the Council of People's Commissars of 22 May 1938, which is quoted in full below.(5) It should be borne in mind that at that date what was then the People's Commissariat of Food Industry still encompassed both the meat and dairy industry and the fish industry.

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Statute on the Structure of the People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR, 1938

1. In accordance with Articles 76 and 78 of the Stalin Constitution, the People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR is a union-republic commissariat which has jurisdiction over the USSR food industry.
2. In accordance with Articles 72 and 73 of the Stalin Constitution, the head of the People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR is the People's Commissar of Food Industry, who directs all the activities of the commissariat and branches of economy subordinate to it.
3. The People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR exercises its jurisdiction over the food industry through corresponding republic commissariats and also supervises enterprises directly subordinate to it.
4. The People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR:
 - a. Draws up, and submits for confirmation by the USSR Government, collective plans for the food industry (perspective, yearly, and quarterly), allocating them by industries of union, republic, and local subordination; directly supervises fulfillment of government plans for the food industry of union subordination, and through republic commissariats, fulfillment of plans for republic and local food industries
 - b. Provides technical aid and supervision to enterprises and trusts of union-republic, and local food industries; introduces new techniques, improvements, and inventions; issues inventor's certificates and patents
 - c. Directs the organization of labor, establishes work norms and wage rates, organizes recruitment of working cadres, supervises the Bukhanovite movement in the union-level food industry; issues directives to republic commissariats and supervises their work in this sphere
 - d. Supervises construction work of enterprises and organizations of union subordination directly and that of republic-level enterprises indirectly through republic commissariats; confirms projects and estimates for above-plan construction, and standard construction projects for the food industry
 - e. Establishes a finance system for enterprises and organizations of the food industry; finances enterprises and organizations of union subordination directly and those of republic subordination indirectly through republic commissariats
 - f. Organizes technical and material supply for enterprises and construction work of union subordination; issues directives to republic commissariats for organizing supply of republic enterprises and republic and local construction work
 - g. Supervises sales for union enterprises and sales of planned products for enterprises of republic and local subordination; issues directives to republic commissariats concerning the sale of the remaining products locally produced; supervises the wholesale and retail trade apparatus for the food industry
 - h. Receives obligatory supplies of livestock, milk, and butter delivered to the state; contracts for and organizes the procurement of sugar beets, tobacco, fruits and vegetables, hops, and other agricultural produce, the procurement of which has been assigned the People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR by decrees of the USSR government

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i. Directly supervises educational and scientific-research institutions subordinate to the union commissariat, supervises and aids republic commissariats in training cadres.

j. Reviews accounts and balances of enterprises and institutions directly subordinate to the union commissariat; checks collective accounts of enterprises of republic subordination, and, in certain cases, those of enterprises of local subordination.

5. The people's commissar appoints economic and technical chiefs of main administrations, divisions, and sectors of the union commissariat, and of trusts and enterprises directly subordinate to it; confirms chiefs and deputy chiefs of main administration of the food industry of republic subordination, and economic and technical heads of the most important republic enterprises and trusts.

6. The people's commissar will intercept and alter any orders or instructions issued by republic commissariats which conflict with laws and decrees of the USSR government or with directives of the union commissariat.

7. The People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR has the following main administrations for directing enterprises of union subordination directly and for supervision of enterprises of republic and local subordination through republic commissariats:

- a. Main Administration of Fish Industry
- b. Main Administration of Meat Industry
- c. Main Administration of Swine Sovkhozes
- d. Main Administration of Sugar Industry
- e. Main Administration of Baking Industry
- f. Main Administration of Confection Industry
- g. Main Administration of Canning Industry
- h. Main Administration of Butter and Cheese Industry
- i. Main Administration of Milk Industry
- j. Main Administration of Fats and Oils Industry
- k. Main Administration of Margarine Industry
- l. Main Administration of Refrigeration Industry
- m. Main Administration of Spirits Industry
- n. Main Administration of Liqueur and Nonalcoholic Beverages Industry
- o. Main Industry of Wine Industry
- p. Main Administration of Beer and Yeast Industry
- q. Main Administration of Tobacco Industry
- r. Main Administration of Tea Industry
- s. Main Administration of Perfume and Cosmetic Industry
- t. Main Administration of Salt Industry
- u. Main Administration of Package Material Industry
- v. Main Administration of Machine and Shipbuilding

8. Each main administration is headed by a chief who provides economic and technical leadership to enterprises and trusts subordinated to it.

Directives from chiefs of main administrations to chiefs of the various administrations of republic commissariats are valid unless they conflict with or are countermanded by orders and instructions issued by the people's commissar of the republic commissariat concerned.

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9. The following divisions and sectors are contained in each main administration:

a. Industrial-management divisions (the number of these is determined by the number and territorial distribution of enterprises subordinated to the main administration concerned)

b. Technical division

c. Republic and local industry division (in main administrations which control enterprises of republic and local subordination)

d. Capital construction division

e. Supply division

f. Sales division

g. Planning sector

h. Finance sector

i. Workers cadres and wage payment sector

j. Bookkeeping division

k. Other division and sectors necessary for the functioning of main administrations.

10. The industrial-management divisions of main administrations have control of, and render operational aid to, enterprises and organizations subordinated to them.

The duties of dispatchers are outlined by the industrial-management divisions. Dispatches are attached to main administration enterprises and maintain liaison with them, they also supervise and control operational work in the enterprises.

11. The technical division of a main administration solves problems of a technical nature for the given branch of industry; supervises methods of production to assure plan fulfillment; discovers causes of breakdowns and finds ways to remedy them; works out methods for introducing new equipment, improving the old, and controlling output; and renders technical consultations for enterprises of both republic and local industries.

12. The republic and local industry division gives advice on quarterly, yearly, and perspective plans presented by the republic commissariats; inspects plan fulfillment by republic and local industries; renders organizational and technical aid to corresponding administrations of republic commissariats and transmits economic and technical experience gained from advanced union enterprises to republic and local industries.

13. The capital construction division of a main administration draws up plans for capital construction and establishes control over fulfillment of decreed construction; supplies enterprises under construction with projects and estimates; and renders operational aid in construction.

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14. The sales division of a main administration determines sales of products, concludes sales agreements, and supervises trading bases, offices, and the retail chain of the main administration.

15. The People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR includes the following subdivisions:

a. Political Administration, which has charge of political work in the enterprises and sovkhozes of the commissariat

b. Main Administration for Construction, which carries out construction work through its trusts

c. Main Administration of Supply, which has charge of technical and material supplies, and encompasses cost-accounting offices for supply, and enterprises for the manufacture of by-products

d. Main Administration of Fish Conservation and Fishing, which controls all-union reservoirs, regulates fishing, and supervise the reproduction and conservation of fish supplies

e. Main Administration of Educational Institutions, which supervises the institutions directly subordinated to the union commissariat, and supervises preparation of cadres for the educational institutes subordinated to republic commissariats

f. All-Union Livestock Procurement Combine (Soyuzzagotskot), which procures livestock that is delivered to or purchased by the government

g. All-Union Uncured Tobacco Combine (Soyvztobaksyr'ye), which procures stocks of uncured tobacco.

16. There is a control and inspection group under the People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR which, in accordance with instructions from the people's commissar, verifies plan fulfillment by republic commissariats, main administrations, divisions, sectors, trusts, and all economic organizations and enterprises of the union commissariat, and proper execution of decrees, orders, and regulations of the party and government.

17. The following divisions, sectors, etc., are included in the People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR:

a. Planning Sector, which draws up current and perspective plans and presents them to the people's commissar

b. Finance Sector, which draws up collective financial plans and presents them to the people's commissar, supervises fulfillment of plans, and guides the financial work of main administrations, enterprises, and organizations of the union commissariat

c. Central Bookkeeping, which performs bookkeeping for the food industry and instructs and supervises accounts of the organs of the union commissariat

d. Economic-Accounting Sector, which performs statistical accounting work

e. Foreign Sector, which has charge of food industry exports and required imports, supervises fulfillment of these plans, and organizes use of foreign economic aid for the food industry

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f. Workers Cadres and Wage Payment Sector, which organizes recruitment of workers, establishes work and pay norms, directs proper organization of work, takes means to eliminate turnover of workers cadres, and supervises the security of the enterprises.

g. Sector for Registration and Selection of Cadres, which handles placement of workers and assigns the graduates of educational institutions, economists, engineers, and technicians

h. Capital Construction Sector, which draws up collective plans for capital construction presents these plans to the people's commissar for approval and supervises fulfillment of these plans

i. Trading Sector, which draws up plans for selling products and plans for the exchange of commodities by the retail chain of the commissariat, and controls their fulfillment; inspects the work of sales offices and bases, and of the retail trade chain of the food industry; organizes advertising, and inspects products for outward appearance

j. Mobilization Division

k. Transport Administration, which draws up plans for rail and water shipment of goods, inspects fulfillment of plans, and inspects the work of main administrations, enterprises, and trusts in the field of transport

l. Sanitary Service Administration, whose duty it is to exercise control over sanitation in food enterprises, both directly and through sanitation inspectorates of main administrations and republic commissariats

m. Inspectorate for the Quality of Food Products

n. Veterinary Inspectorate, which functions in sovkhozes and food industry enterprises

o. Inspectorate for Boiler Inspection, which inspects and controls the condition of boilers and boiler equipment of food industry enterprises

p. Living Quarters Division, which has charge of living quarters under the jurisdiction of the People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR, draws up plans for construction of living quarters and capital reconstruction of such buildings

q. Bureau of Standards, which sets up standards for food industry products and supervises their observation

r. Bureau of Inventions, which studies the most important inventions, presents them for approval to the people's commissariat, controls the introduction of inventions and technical improvements, and issues patents on inventions

s. Arbitration

t. Administrative-Economic Division

u. Complaints Bureau

v. Secretariat of the people's commissar and his deputies

w. Archives

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18. The People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR has its own publishing house and the daily paper, Pishchevaya Industriya,

19. Within the People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR there is a Collegium, the chairman of which is the people's commissar. The Collegium meets regularly and reviews problems of practical management, checks on accomplishment, selection of personnel, reports from workers in local organs, and current orders and instructions. The decisions of the Collegium are implemented by orders issued by the People's Commissar. In case of disagreements between the people's commissar and the Collegium, the people's commissar carries out his decision and brings the Collegium's disagreement to the attention of the Council of People's Commissars USSR. The membership of the Collegium is nominated by the people's commissar and confirmed by the Council of People's Commissars USSR.

20. Under the people's commissar there is a Technical Council, which:

- a. Advises the people's commissar on the most important technical problems presented for his decision
- b. Reviews general problems concerning technical production and design of equipment
- c. Gives consultation on technical projects presented for the approval of the people's commissar
- d. Establishes general supervision and control over the work of scientific research institutes subordinated to the main administrations of the food industry.

The membership of the Technical Council is confirmed by the People's Commissar of Food Industry USSR.

21. The council of the People's Commissariat of Food Industry USSR is established under the people's commissar for local liaison and exchange of experience. The council convenes once every 2 months and reviews the most important problems of the food industry. The council is appointed by the people's commissar.

22. To take advantage of the achievements of economic and technical workers and Stakhanovites and also for purposes of criticism and self-criticism, the people's commissar each month convenes the aktivs of the commissariat. Accordingly, in the main administrations the heads of trusts and enterprises convene the aktivs, where reports on the most important decisions of the party and the government are heard and discussed. (5)

Organizational Structure in 1948

In 1948, the following main administrations were listed as being under the Ministry of Food Industry USSR, the Ministry of Gustatory Industry USSR, and the corresponding RSFSR ministries.

Ministry of Food Industry USSR

Main Administration of Baking Industry
 Main Administration of Canning Industry
 Main Administration of Confection Industry
 Main Administration of Educational Institutions
 Main Administration of Food Concentrates
 Main Administration of Food Machinery Building
 Main Administration of Margarine Industry

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Main Administration of Package Material Industry
 Main Administration of Salt Industry
 Main Administration of Sugar Industry
 Main Administration of Supply
 Main Administration of Vegetable Fats and Oils
 Main Administration of Workers' Supply
 Inspectorate for Quality of Food Products

Ministry of Gustatory Industry USSR

Main Administration of Beer Industry
 Main Administration of Liqueur and Vodka Industry
 Main Administration of Nonalcoholic Beverages Industry
 Main Administration of Perfume and Cosmetic Industry
 Main Administration of Spirits Industry
 Main Administration of Supply
 Main Administration of Tea Industry
 Main Administration of Tobacco Industry
 Main Administration for Tobacco Procurement and Processing
 Main Administration of Wine Industry
 Main Administration of Workers' Supply

Ministry of Food Industry RSFSR

Main Administration of Bread-Baking Industry
 Main Administration of Flour-Milling Industry
 Main Administration of Confection Industry
 Main Administration of Macaroni Industry
 Main Administration of Salt Industry
 Main Administration of Syrup Industry
 Main Administration of Supply
 Main Administration of Fruit and Vegetable Industry
 Main Administration of Vegetable Fats and Oils

Ministry of Gustatory Industry RSFSR

Main Administration of Beer and Nonalcoholic Beverages Industry
 Main Administration of Supply
 Main Administration of Wine Industry.(6)

Current Key Personnel

The following ministers and other key personnel of the food industry have been identified in 1950 and 1951 sources.

Alekseyev, V., chief, Main Administration of Sugar Industry, Ministry of Food Industry USSR (7)
 Andreycha, N. I., Inspector for Wine Quality, Ministry of Food Industry USSR (8)
 Andriatis, K. K., Minister of Food Industry Lithuanian SSR (9)
 Azarashvili, P. B., chief, Main Administration of Wine Industry, Ministry of Food Industry USSR (8)
 Baydakov, G. I., Minister of Food Industry Belorussian SSR (10)
 Butin, M. Ye., Minister of Food Industry Kazakh SSR (11)
 Gri'tsyuk, I. G., Minister of Food Industry Ukrainian SSR, (12)
 Ivanov, I. Ya., editor in chief, Food Industry Publishing House (Pishchepromizdat) (13)
 Karkaryan, Iru, Minister of Food Industry Azerbaydzhan SSR (14)
 Khodzhaev, A., Minister of Food Industry Uzbek SSR (15)
 Kongurbayev, A., Minister of Food Industry Kirgiz SSR (16)
 Krasnyuk, P. I., chief, Main Administration of Wine Industry, Ministry of Food Industry Ukrainian SSR (17)
 Lykhus, A. I., Minister of Food Industry Estonian SSR (18)

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 Piruzyan, A. S., Minister of Food Industry Armenian SSR (19)
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 of Sugar Industry, Ministry of Food Industry USSR (20)
 Sivolap, I. K., Deputy Minister of Food Industry USSR (21)
 Smirnov, A. P., editor, Tabak, bimonthly organ of Ministry of Food Industry
 USSR (22)
 Sokolov, V. N., Minister of Food Industry RSFSR (23)
 Taurkan, K. I., Minister of Food Industry Moldavian SSR (24)

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