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1. The State Secretariat for Chemistry is a state secretariat with autonomous powers (mit eigenem Geschäftsbereich) headed by the State Secretary or, in his absence, the Deputy State Secretary. The autonomy of the State Secretariat is, however, limited by the following three factors:

- (a) The State Secretary must carry out his task within the framework of general government directives established by the Minister-President.
- (b) The State Secretary is responsible to the Volkskammer.
- (c) The work of the State Secretariat is under the control of the Coordination and Control Service for Industry and Traffic (Koordinierungs- und Kontrollstelle fuer Industrie und Verkehr), an agency attached to the East German Council of Ministers. This agency is authorized to issue instructions to the State Secretary - which the latter is obliged to carry out.

2. The official tasks assigned to the State Secretariat include:

- (a) Promoting and guaranteeing the development of the industrial branches under its authority according to the Economic Plan and the Five-Year -Plan.
- (b) The essential enterprises (Schwerpunktsbetriebe) of these industrial branches are to be developed in view of complete mechanization of the production process; new industrial installations are to be built; skilled workers, technicians, engineers and chemists are to be educated.
- (c) Increase of work productivity, improvement of production and decrease of production costs.

3. The State Secretary is assisted in his task by a Collegium which consists of the State Secretary himself as head and of the heads of the Main Administrations and of the most important departments in the State Secretariat. The members of the Collegium are appointed by the State Secretary and must be confirmed by the Minister President. The Collegium has advisory functions. It must convene at least three times per month. The advisory functions of the Collegium are concerned with the "fundamental questions of the practical direction of the central apparatus," the direction of the Main Administrations, of the enterprises under the authority of the State Secretariat,

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the Trade Centers, institutes and schools. The Collegium also receives reports from the leading personnel of enterprises and institutes, particularly on improvements of production. Furthermore, the Collegium controls the fulfillment of plan tasks and the development of cadre personnel. If the opinion of the majority of the Collegium about important questions conflicts with that of the State Secretary, the latter must inform the Council of Ministers about it. The members of the Collegium are authorized to protest to the Council of Ministers about any measure under consideration by the State Secretary which they find inadvisable.

4. The State Secretary is also assisted by a Technical-Scientific Council for "the solution of scientific problems." The Council is headed by the State Secretary; his deputy is a distinguished scientist (*hervorragende Wissenschaftler*). The members of the Council are appointed by the State Secretary; they must be qualified scientists, engineers and technical-industrial personnel.

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5. The State Secretariat for Chemistry carries out its tasks with the aid of the following structural units:

- a. Central Departments (Zentrale Abteilungen)
- b. Main Administrations (Hauptverwaltungen)
- c. Main Departments (Hauptabteilungen)
- d. Production Groups (Produktionsgruppen)
- e. Departments (Abteilungen)
- f. Directly controlled enterprises (Direkt unterstellte Betriebe)
- g. Research Institutes (Forschungsinstitute)
- h. Trade Centers (OHZ) (Handelszentralen)

6. The following are the central departments and main departments which receive their instructions directly from the State Secretary and which control the work of the other structural units:

- a. Office of the State Secretary, divided into:
 - (1) Secretariat of the State Secretary
 - (2) Control and Inspection
 - (3) Plenipotentiary for Power and Scrap
 - (4) Organizational Instructor
 - (5) Press referent
 - (6) Main Security Inspection
 - (7) Legal and Contractual Arbitration Service
 - (8) General Administration
 - (9) Classified work (Verschlussarbeiten)
- b. Central Personnel Department
- c. Central Labor Department
- d. Central Planning Department
- e. Central Investment Department
- f. Central Department for Material Procurement
- g. Central Commercial Department
- h. Central Budget Department
- i. Central Revision (Inspection) Department
- j. Central Transport Department
- k. Main Department for Technology and Reconstruction
- l. Main Marketing Department (Absatz).

7. The following technical schools are under the Central Labor Department:

- a. Fachschule fuer Chemie, Magdeburg
- b. Fachschule fuer Chemie, Halle
- c. Fachschule fuer Chemie, Koethen
- d. Fachschule fuer Chemie-Wirtschaft, Leipzig
- e. Fachschule fuer Seifen-und Waschindustrie, Dresden

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The Main Department for Technology and Reconstruction supervises the following institutes:

- a. Institut fuer Organische Chemie, Leipzig
- b. Institut fuer Katalysforschung, Rostock
- c. Konstruktions- und Ingenieur-Buero, Leuna.

Main Sales Department supervises:

- a. DIZ Chemie
- b. DIZ Haushalt Chemie
- c. DIZ Gummi-Asbest
- d. DIZ Kraftstoffe und Mineraloel.

8. The main administrations of the State Secretariat for Chemistry are:

- a. HV Kali- und Nichterzbergbau (Potassium and Non-Cre Mining)
- b. HV Fluessige Brennstoffe (Liquid Fuels)
- c. HV Schwerchemie (Heavy Chemistry)
- d. HV Kunststoffe (Synthetic Products)
- e. HV Organische Chemie (Organic Chemistry).

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