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1. Towards the end of June 1947, several freight trains carrying poison gas bombs weighing from 250 to 300 lbs. each were loaded in the Ergotan factory at Stassfurt and left for Stettin. The extent of these shipments can be judged from the fact that one train consisted of forty-five cars hauling 1320 bombs.
2. During the period from March 1947 to 10 June 1947, German gas shells (105 and 150 mm) and gas-spray cylinders were shipped by rail from the Kapen A.G. ammunition factory near Dessau to Wolgast, where they were unloaded. Each train was loaded with a total weight of 1,200 tons, and was accompanied by six German guards and one Russian. The round trip from Kapen to Wolgast to Kapen took ten days, including one day for unloading. The trains were sometimes held up for one day by trains from Leipzig with similar freight. About four trains per week arrived at Wolgast harbor from the Kapen works. Their freight was received by a cover firm called "Chemisch-Technischen Produkten Wolgast", under Regierungsdirektor Theias. () for further information on Kapen A.G.)
3. An area to the east of Bornholm was declared a prohibited area for shipping early in August 1947. The reason given was that a large number of poison gas shells (vesicants) have been dumped there and have contaminated the water. () for further information on the disposition of poison gas.)

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