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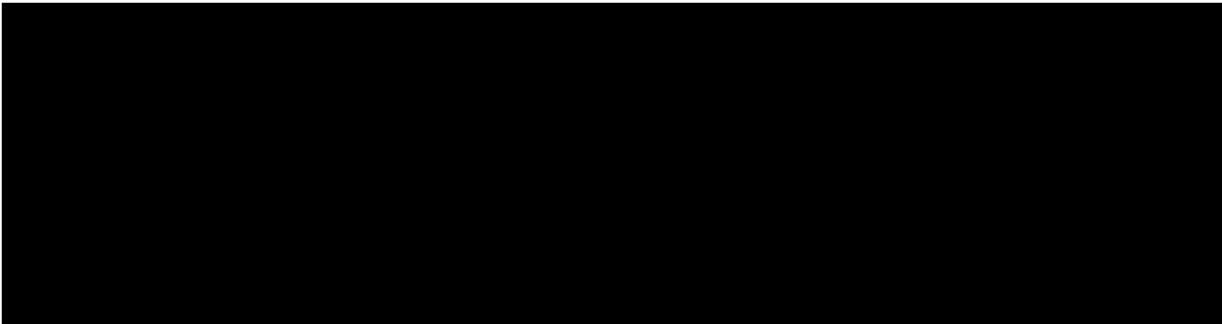
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I. General. The Centrala M.A.T. (Monopolul Alcoolului Si Tutunului - Department for Alcohol and Tobacco) is attached to the Ministry of Food Industry and designed to handle industrial state enterprisises for the production and sale of alcohol, wine and their by-products. Until 1 October 1949 M.A.T. was only responsible for the collection and the sale of the above products. On that date the Centrala was amalgamated with the Centrala Industriala A Produselor Alcoolice Si De Fermentare (Industrial Centre for Alcoholic Products and Fermentation), and thus took over production responsibilities also.

II. Factories under M.A.T.

1. Alcohol Factories

A. 7 November. (the former factory of Barceci Neuman - location no. By: 011 described by source).

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a. Production: Alcohol and compressed yeast made from molasses. The molasses are supplied by the sugar factory at Freidorf, from which a pipe line extends to the 7 November factory.

b. Quantity of production: The factory produces 15-20% of all alcohol produced in Rumania. 25-30 "wagons" (10 tons each) of compressed yeast monthly.

B. Factory Prima Fabrica De Spirit Si Produse at Timisoara.

a. Production: Alcohol, gutanol, acetone, calcium products, acetic acid, vegetable oil, all made from maize and molasses.

b. Quantity of Production: 8 per cent of the total Rumanian alcohol production.

C. Factory Interindustrialia at Oradea.

a. Production: Alcohol and compressed yeast made from maize and molasses.

b. Quantity of Production: 6-7 per cent of the total Rumanian production; one "wagon" of compressed yeast daily.

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- D. The above factories are the most important. Other factories, whose production amounts to 20 per cent of the Rumanian alcohol production, are:

Gherla  
Colentina at Bucharest  
Bragadiru at Bucharest  
Ghidigeni (Tutova district)  
Bancota at Turnu-Severin  
Nicolina at Iasi  
Margineni - Bacau

- E. Apart from these factories there are 65-70 small factories for the production of alcohol.

2. Factories for the Distillation of Wine.

Concentrated wine is distilled at the following factories:

Focsani  
Odobesti (2 factories)  
Buzau  
Cotnari

3. Factories for Starch and Glucose.

Colentina at Bucharest  
Orezul at Braila  
Amilen at Saint-Simon (District Trei Scaune)  
Zimca at Piatra-Neamt

III. Output and Prices of Production.

1. Output: The factories and installations for alcohol have a theoretical capacity of 4000 "wagons" yearly. In 1949 the production fixed by the Plan, of 2,500 "wagons" was reached. Of these 2,000 were used locally and 500 were exported. But in 1950 the production fixed by the Plan, of 3,000 "wagons," was not reached, according to source, who believes this was the fault of "the drought."
2. Price of the Products.

The net cost of the alcohol is 120 Lei per liter (58 Lei cost of production and 62 Lei cost of administration). It is sold on the local market at a price of 600 Lei per liter.

In 1949 alcohol was sold to the Russians at a price of 18 American cents a liter. This price was lower than prices on the world market and much lower than the net cost of production.

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