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1. SAG Elektrochemisches Kombinat, Bitterfeld

- a. Tricresyl phosphate constitutes a particular bottleneck, and deliveries are three months in arrears because one of the distilling retorts has been out of action for several months. A new retort has now been obtained via the [redacted] 25X1
- b. Oxalic Acid: A yearly export quota of 2,500 tons has been established. More than enough is produced to cover all requirements.
- c. Carbon Tetrachloride: The annual export quota is 1,500 tons. More than enough is available for all purposes.
- d. Formic Acid: the present output of 90% formic acid is used entirely by Chemische Fabrik Finowtal, Eberswalde. It is planned to start the export of formic acid in 1953.

2. SAG Chemische Werke, Leuna

- a. Methanol: A theoretical yearly export quota of 17,000 tons has been established, but up to the present all deliveries abroad have been to Russia on the reparations account (Konto "T"). The entire annual production of methanol of SAG Leuna is around 30,000 tons. The 1951 trade agreement with Russia provided for the export of 3,000 tons. Deliveries were achieved by the end of September. A quantity of 2,000 tons has been [redacted] 25X1

- b. Isobutyl alcohol: According to the current trade agreement with Russia, 2,000 tons of this product were to be delivered by SAG Leuna. This delivery has already taken place. There is an additional demand that 200 tons be delivered during October 1951.

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3. SAG Chemische Werke Buna, Schkopau

SAG Buna has received a monthly order with precedence over all other demands for 250 tons of ethylene glycol for delivery to the Wismut A.G. This product is to be used for the manufacture of explosives.

4. Miscellaneous

a. (The DDR is at present very anxious to export chlorine, of which it has large stocks. There is no export veto but deliveries are at present impossible because of a shortage of special tank cars and materials for packing and transport.) The yearly export quota is 36,000 tons and cannot be met for the above reasons.

b. The DDR now sees itself obliged to import sulphuric acid (in contrast to 1949/1950), principally from Russia and Hungary.

c. The DDR is at present unable to export any phosphorus because of its own current internal needs. Shortage of this commodity is partly responsible for the bottleneck in tricresyl phosphate. Requests from Poland for the import of this commodity have had to be refused.

d. The DDR delegation which left for Warsaw on 3 October to negotiate a long term trade agreement with Poland is represented in the chemical field by Joachim Nitschke, the principal expert for the chemical and mining industry of the Ministry of Foreign Trade. The delegation is headed by Georg Handke.

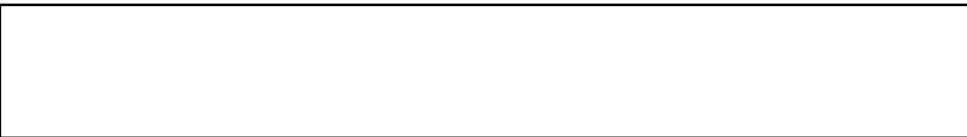
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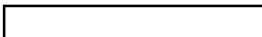
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