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1. It is planned to import the following quantities of steel rods, strip, and wire into East Germany in 1954:

Free-cutting steel	600 metric tons
Steel rods	700 " "
Steel strip, cold-rolled	6,200 " "
Stainless strip	2,500 " "
Spring steel	1,200 " "
Steel wire (tensile strength below 100 kg.)	3,000 " "
Steel wire (tensile strength over 100 kg.)	4,000 " "
Welding wire	3,100 " "
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21,300 metric tons	

2. The following supplementary contracts for delivery to East Germany before 31 December 1953 have been concluded with the USSR:

Gauge steel, GOST 1051 - 50	130 tons
Spring steel wire, GOST 5047 - 49	104 tons

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Spoke steel wire, GOST 3110 - 46	46 tons
Welding wire, GOST 2246 - 51	170 tons
Steel strip, GOST 503 - 41	300 tons
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	750 tons
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The total delivery is valued at 633,000 rubles.

3. As of the end of August 1953, imports of steel plate, fine steels, rods, wire, strip, and cast iron were up to or over the planned figure, while those of rolled steel and tubes were each about 18 per cent below the expected figure.

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