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1. One of the most acute shortages prevailing among chemical supplies imported into East Germany is that of titanium dioxide (Titandioxyd), needed for the perlon, artificial silk, and paper manufacturing industries. No funds had been made available for additional imports of this item as of June 1954.
2. To avoid allowing important plants to become idle and their workers laid off, the East German government authorized the release of 45 tons of titanium dioxide from government emergency reserve stocks. However, the 45 tons had already been almost entirely absorbed by these industries, which were urgently requesting additional supplies.
3. The East German Council of Ministers (Ministerrat) was requested by responsible DIA and DHZ officials to authorize the release of further quantities of titanium dioxide from these emergency reserve stocks or to make substantial funds available for importing this item on an emergency basis.

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