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1. The following import and export agencies were a part of the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Trade:

(a) Import Agencies:

- (1) Metalimport was responsible for importing all types of machinery and metal products. Prior to a few months ago textile needles and textile machinery spare parts were handled by Industrialimport. Subsequently these items too, were handled by Metalimport, the most important of the import agencies.
- (2) Chimimport was responsible for chemicals, industrial dyes, medical equipment, and medicines.
- (3) Industrialimport handled imports of all industrial raw materials including cellulose fiber, paper, rubber products, glass, and tires. Danchev (fnu) is chief of this agency; he replaced Savov (fnu).

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- (4) Raznoiznos looked after importing miscellaneous items such as typewriters, bicycles, razor blades, and toys. I cannot understand why this was considered just an import agency, for in addition to importing the above items, it also exported to [redacted] Near East countries whatever products, such as paper and combs, could profitably be exported.

- (5) Bulgarian Cinematography took care of imports of camera film, cameras, movie cameras, and other photographic material and equipment, as well as motion pictures (most movies in Bulgarian come from the USSR, Poland or Czechoslovakia).

(b) Export Agencies:

- (1) Bulgplodexport handled exports of fresh and canned fruit and vegetables.
- (2) Rudexport was responsible for ores.
- (3) Tabakmonopol took care of exports of tobacco and cigarettes.
- (4) Bulgar Roza was responsible for exporting attar of roses and rose water, for which the demand exceeds the supply. Most of the exports went to the USSR, some to East Germany [redacted]
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- (5) Yaitseexport looked after exporting eggs and chickens.

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