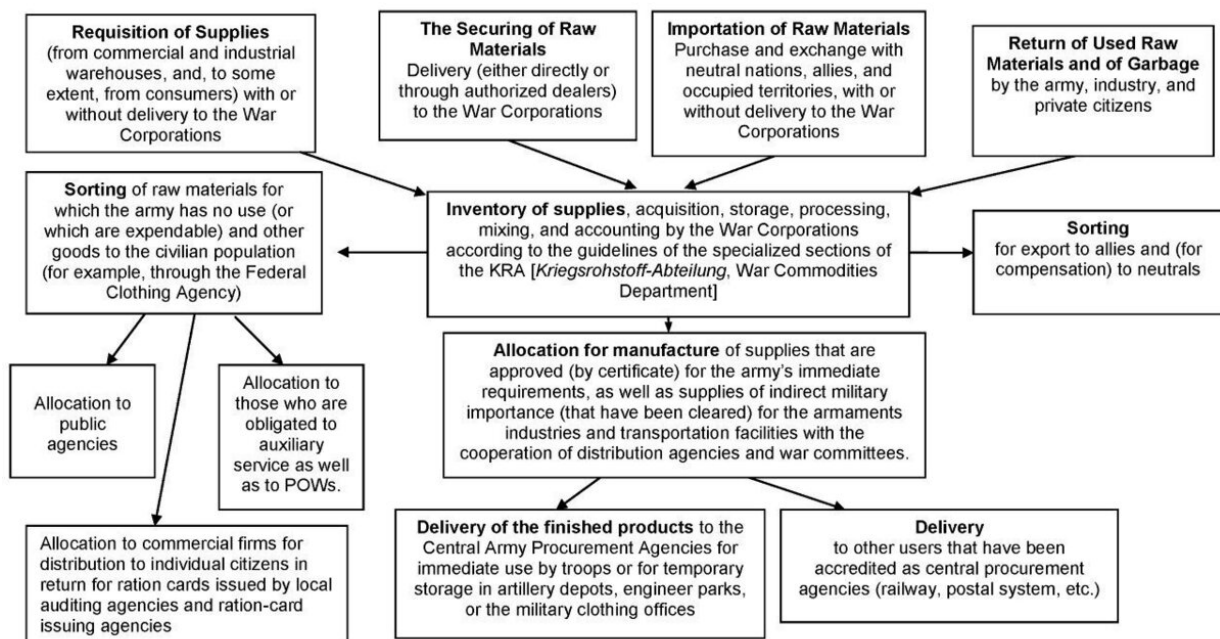


# Rationing in Principle

## Abstract

In the early months of the war, price controls were implemented to regulate food supplies. Prices continued to rise, however, and the German government increasingly suspended the market mechanism altogether. Instead, the government chose rationing, which entailed the regulation of the entire agricultural process, from production to consumption. This document outlines the general scheme for rationing, which was first implemented for food supplies but later extended to other areas of production.

## Source



Source: Otto Goebel, *Deutsche Rohstoffwirtschaft im Weltkrieg einschließlich des Hindenburg-Programms* [*The German Raw Materials Industry in World War including the Hindenburg Program*]. Stuttgart, Berlin, Leipzig: Deutsche Verlagsanstalt, 1930, p. 104.

Recommended Citation: Rationing in Principle, published in: German History in Documents and Images,

<<https://germanhistorydocs.org/en/wilhelmine-germany-and-the-first-world-war-1890-1918/ghdi:document-1091>> [September 26, 2025].