

A CHRONOLOGY OF ECONOMIC-PLANNING DECISIONS OF RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM IN THE USSR 1953-1961.

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Apr 11,1953

Council of Ministers (CoM)

On the Expansion of the Rights of the Ministers

First decentralization step. Granted ministers the power to adjust staffing schedules, change wage rates in agreement with trade unions, adjust capital projects, and reallocate equipment within annual plans.

May 6,1953

CoM

On the Procedure for Conducting Organised Recruitment of Workers

Transferred the recruitment of industrial and construction workers to Republican Councils. Regulated inter-republican labor migration under Gosplan supervision.

Sep 7,1953

Central Committee (CC) Plenum

On Measures for Further Development of Agriculture

The Khrushchev agricultural initiative. Admitted low production due to violation of material incentives and distortion of per-hectare delivery models. Mandated higher prices, lowered delivery quotas, and monthly cash advances

Sep 21,1953

CoM & CC

On Measures for Further Development of Livestock Breeding

Implemented the September CC Plenum targets. Drastically reduced mandatory delivery standards for meat, milk, and eggs for private plots. Increased procurement prices for collective farms.

Mar 2,1954

CC Plenum

On Further Increase in Grain Production & Virgin Lands Campaign

Initiated the reclamation of 13M hectares of virgin and fallow lands in Kazakhstan, Siberia, the Urals, Volga, and North Caucasus. Dispatched 120,000 tractors and 50,000 machine operators.

Aug 2,1954

CoM

On the Development of Tech-Industrial-Finance Plans of Enterprises

Combated bureaucratic excesses by reducing planning forms and indicators by half. Allowed enterprise directors to approve detailed industrial-finance plans.

Aug 13, 1954

CC & CoM

On Further Development of Virgin and Fallow Lands

Upped target of virgin land reclamation to 15 million hectares for 1955.
Created 124 large specialized grain state farms.

Aug 21, 1954

CoM & CC

On the Role and Tasks of the State Bank of the USSR (Gosbank)

Revamped short-term targeted lending. Implemented a strict settlement and credit regime. Authorized audits on the distribution and expenditure of wage funds.

Oct 14, 1954

CC & CoM **On Shortcomings in the Structure of Ministries and Departments**

Mandated the reduction of 450,000 administrative and managerial positions. Drastically slashed statistical reporting to simplify management.

Dec 31, 1954

CoM **On the Unified State Registration of the Land Fund of the USSR**

Introduced mandatory state land registration under the Ministry of Agriculture. Established district land use registration books.

Jan 31, 1955

CC Plenum **On Increasing the Production of Livestock Products**

Launched extensive forage corn program. Backed the milking of cows, pig fattening, and silage storage targets (5-6 tons of silage per cow).

Mar 9, 1955

CC & CoM **On Changing the Practice of Agricultural Planning**

Shifted planning focus to output metrics (centners per 100 hectares) rather than input metrics (sown hectares, herd size). Allowed collective farms to plan crops and livestock locally.

May 4, 1955

CoM **On Changing State Planning & Financing of Union Republics**

Granted Republics authority to plan and finance local industry. Kept 50% of above-plan materials (cement, slate, window glass) and 25% of food products inside Republics for local use.

Jul 1955

CC Plenum

On Tasks of Further Industrial Improvement & Tech Progress

Emphasized automation, mechanisation of auxiliary work, specialisation, and industrial coordination in economic regions. Established GNTK to replace Gostekhnika.

Aug 9, 1955

CoM

On the Expansion of the Rights of Enterprise Directors

Significant autonomy shift. Authorized directors to approve detailed plans, reallocate surplus equipment, adjust staffing, and introduce progressive bonus systems for new tech.

Sep 20, 1955

CoM

On Enhancing the Role of the Foreman & Site Head

Positioned the foreman as a direct, full-fledged manager of production and labor. Decreed all workplace instructions must go through the foreman.

Feb 24, 1956

XX Congress

Report of the Central Committee of the CPSU

Announced the historic transition to the 7-hour and 6-hour workdays for all workers during the Sixth Five-Year Plan and wage regularization.

March 6, 1956

CC & CoM

On Monthly Advances and Additional Payment for Labour

Recommended that collective farms distribute monthly cash advances to farmers (up to 25% of livestock income and 50% of state purchase advances).

March 6, 1956

CC & CoM

On the Charter of the Agricultural Collective Workers

Allowed collective farms to amend the Model Charter of the Agricultural Artel. Authorized the reduction of household plots for low labor participation.

Apr 14, 1956

CC & CoM

On the Reorganisation of Industrial Cooperation

Transferred large specialized cooperative enterprises and handicraft artels to state industrial ministries to improve technical leadership.

Aug 6, 1956

CC & CoM

On Irrigation and Development of the Hungry Steppe

Approved plans to irrigate and develop 300,000 hectares of virgin lands in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan for cotton production. Created 34 new cotton state farms.

Aug 15, 1956

CoM

On Changing the Procedure for Revising Production Standards

Abolished centralized mass revisions of production standards.
Authorized directors and trade unions to replace outdated norms throughout the year.

May 10, 1957

Supreme Soviet

Law on Management of Industry and Construction (Sovnarkhoz)

The most radical administrative reform. Abolished central industrial ministries; replaced them with territorial Councils of the National Economy (Sovnarkhozy).

July 4, 1957

CC & CoM

On the Cancellation of Mandatory Agricultural Deliveries

Abolished all mandatory quotas for agricultural products from the private subsidiary plots of collective farmers and workers, starting Jan 1, 1958.

July 31, 1957

CC & CoM

On the Development of Housing Construction in the USSR

Addressed urban housing shortage. Promoted precast reinforced concrete, standard designs, and multi-story blocks to build 15 million apartments.

Aug 29, 1957

CoM

On Additional Transfer of Issues to Union Republics

Transferred further decision-making on land allocation, forestry groups, and local budget adjustments to Republican Councils.

Mar 31, 1958

Supreme Soviet

Law on the Further Development of the MTS Reorganisation

Officially reorganized Machine-Tractor Stations (MTS) into Repair and Technical Stations (RTS). Authorized the sale of machinery directly to collective farms.

1958

CC Plenum

On Accelerated Development of the Chemical Industry

Prioritized the production of synthetic materials, plastics, and artificial fibers (4x increase in fibers, 7x in plastics by 1965) to expand consumer goods.

June 18, 1958

CC Plenum

On Cancellation of Mandatory Deliveries & MTS Payments in Kind

Abolished all compulsory deliveries for collective farms.
Replaced them with a single system of state purchases at zonal-differentiated prices.

July 9, 1958

CoM & Trade Unions

On Approval of the Regulation on Permanent Production Meetings

Established permanent production meetings with worker representatives at enterprises and state farms to involve labor in management.

Apr 7, 1959

Supreme Soviet

On the Reorganisation of Long-Term Investment Banks

Abolished Selkhozbank and Tsekombank. Transferred housing, municipal, and agricultural investment and lending to Gosbank and Stroybank.

Oct 16, 1959

CoM

On State Standardisation and Normalisation

Mandated standard sizes, unified parts, and normalized components in mechanical engineering to support automation and specialisation.

April 23, 1960

CC & CoM

On Improving Seed Production of Grain, Oil Crops & Grasses

Mandated transition in 1961-1963 to 100% varietal seed sowing. Placed seed cultivation in specialized departments under agronomists.

May 4, 1960

CoM

On the Change in the Scale of Prices & Replacement of Money

The 1961 monetary reform. Recalculated prices, wage rates, pensions, and book values at a 10:1 ratio, introducing the new ruble.

Feb 20, 1961

CC & CoM

On the Formation of 'Soyuzselkhoztekhnika'

Created the All-Union Association 'Soyuzselkhoztekhnika' on economic accounting (khozraschet) to serve as the central supply, repair, and engineering agency for agriculture.

Apr 1, 1961

CoM

On Transfer of Research & Design Organisations to Khozraschet

Put industrial research and design institutes on economic accounting (khozraschet), linking their funding to contracts with enterprises and Sovnarkhozy.

Oct 7, 1961

CC & CoM

On Effective Use of Capital Investments

Banned the dispersion of capital investment. Restressed completing active construction and start-ups over starting new facilities