

## Order by Reichskommissar Lohse to Halt the Killing of Jewish Skilled Workers, December 1941

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*Reichskommissar for Ostland*

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To

*Reichskommissar for Ostland*

Higher SS and Police Leader (*Hoeherer SS- und Polizeifuehrer*) in *Riga*

*Generalkommissare*

in *Reval ,Riga ,Kovno ,Minsk*

For info: Commander of the Wehrmacht for *Ostland* in *Riga*

The Chief Quartermaster (*Chefintendant*) of the Wehrmacht Command in *Ostland* has lodged a complaint that armament plants and repair workshops have been deprived of Jewish skilled workers through their liquidation, and that they cannot be replaced there at the present time.

I request most emphatically that the liquidation of Jews employed as skilled workers in armament plants and repair workshops of the Wehrmacht who cannot be replaced at present by local personnel be prevented.

Agreement on which of the Jewish workers are to be considered irreplaceable will be reached with the *Gebietskommissare* (Department of Social Administration).

Provision is to be made as quickly as possible for the training of suitable local personnel as skilled workers.

The same applies to Jewish workers in enterprises which do not serve the purpose of the Wehrmacht directly, but have important tasks to carry out within the framework of the war economy.

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**Source : *Documents on the Holocaust, Selected Sources on the Destruction of the Jews of Germany and Austria, Poland and the Soviet Union*, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, 1981, Document no. 179**