DECISION No 3543/73/ECSC OF THE COMMISSION

of 19 December 1973

fixing the rate of the levies for 1974 and amending Decision No 3/52/ECSC of 23 December 1952 on the amount of and methods for applying the levies provided for in Articles 49 and 50 of the ECSC Treaty

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular Articles 49, 50 and 78 thereof ;

Having regard to the Treaty of 8 April 1965 establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities, and in particular Articles 20 and 21 thereof ;

Having regard to Decision No 2691/72/ECSC of 18 December 1972 amending Decision No 2/52 of 23 December 1952 determining the mode of assessment and collection of the levies provided for in Articles 49 and 50 of the ECSC Treaty ;

Having regard to Decision No 2821/72/ECSC of 22 December 1972 fixing the rate of the levies for 1973 and amending Decision No 3/52 of 23 December 1952 on the amount of and methods for applying the levies provided for in Articles 49 and 50 of the ECSC Treaty ;

Having regard to Decision No 3541/73/ECSC of 19 December 1973 on the definition of the unit of account to be used in Decisions, Recommendations, Opinions and Communiqués for the purposes of the Treaty establishing the ECSC ;

Having regard to Decision No 3542/73/ECSC of 19 December 1973 on the conversion rates for currencies expressed in units of account for certain purposes of the Treaty establishing the ECSC ;

Whereas, in view of the variations in average values recorded during the reference period, Decision No 3/52 of 23 December 1952 on the amount of and methods for applying the levies provided for in Articles 49 and 50 of the Treaty should be amended ;

Whereas the requirements of the European Coal and Steel Community are estimated in the operating budget for the 1974 financial year at 90·61 million units of account ; whereas that budget, which was adopted by the Commission of the European Communities at its session of 19 December 1973 in the form shown in Annex I to this Decision, determines the amount of income to be provided from levies in the financial year, namely 69·31 million units of account ;

Whereas the estimated yield of the levies at a rate of 0·10 % is 23·9 million units of account ;

Having noted the Opinion issued on 11 December 1973 by the European Parliament,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The rate of the levies on output from 1 January 1974 is fixed at 0·29 % of the figures used as a basis of assessment for levies.

Article 2

Article 2 of Decision No 3/52 of 23 December 1972, as amended by Article 2 of Decision No 2821/72/ECSC of 22 December 1972, is replaced by the following :

The average value of the products on which the levies are assessed shall, from 1 January 1974, be as follows, in units of account :

Product	Average value
Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal	13·63
Hard coal of all categories	18·51
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	70·80
Basic Bessemer steel in ingots	87·92
Steel in ingots other than basic Bessemer steel	105·13
Finished products and end products of basic Bessemer steel	146·54
Other finished products and end products of iron and steel	175·21

Article 3

Article 4 of Decision No 3/52 of 23 December 1952, as last amended by Article 4 of Decision No 2821/72/ECSC of 22 December 1972, is replaced by the following :

Products	Assessment January 1974 and subsequent months and collection February 1974 and subsequent months
Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal (1)	0·03953
Hard coal of all categories (2)	0·05368
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	0·16146
Basic Bessemer steel in ingots	0·21111
Steel in ingots other than basic Bessemer steel	0·28700
Final products and end products of iron and steel	0·10928

(1) For purposes of the deductions provided for in the preceding Article, the levy fixed above shall be applied to tonnage of brown coal and semi-coke of brown coal, less 3 %.

(2) For purposes of the deductions provided for in the preceding Article, the levy fixed above shall be applied to tonnage of hard coal as defined in Article 1 of Decision No 2/52, less 12 %.

The corresponding scales expressed in the currencies of the Member States shall, pursuant to High Authority Decision No 2/52 (OJ of the ECSC No 1), be published for guidance every six months and are given in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1974.

This Decision shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

ANNEX I

ECSC OPERATING BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1974

Requirements	in million u.a.	Resources	in million u.a.
Operations to be financed from current resources (non-repayable)		**Current resources**	
1. Administration	18	1. Levy yield (rounded off)	69·31
2. Aid to readaptation (Article 56)	41	2. (a) Interest on investments and loans from non-borrowed funds	12·4
3. Aid to research (Article 55)	21·5	(b) Interest on payments from acceding countries	3·3
(a) Steel	9·5	3. Miscellaneous	0·1
(b) Coal	6	4. Cancellation of undertakings not to be fulfilled	5·5
(c) Social	6	Total	90·61
4. Aid to coking coal (Article 95)	5		
5. Interest rate subsidy (1)	5·11		
(a) Article 54 — Investments	2·044		
(b) Article 56 — Reconversion	3·066		
Total	90·61	**Origin of non-borrowed funds**	
Operations financed by loans from non-borrowed funds		5. Redemption of loans for workers' housing	5·5
6. Special reserve appropriation (workers' housing)	10	6. Part of the former ECSC pension fund	4·5

(1) If, during the financial year, receipts from resources should be higher than expected, the excess will be carried to interest rate subsidy *pro rata* to the items thereunder.

ANNEX II

TABLE SHOWING, IN THE CURRENCY OF EACH OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY, THE NET AMOUNT PER METRIC TON OF THE LEVY ON EACH OF THE PRODUCTS LISTED IN ARTICLE 2 FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 1974 (1)

DM — Federal Republic of Germany

Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal	0·12728
Hard coal of all categories	0·17283
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	0·51986
Basic Bessemer steel in ingots	0·67972
Steel in ingots, other than basic Bessemer steel	0·92408
Final products and end products of iron and steel	0·35185

Bfrs and Lfrs — Belgium and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal	1·92341
Hard coal of all categories	2·61191
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	7·85619
Basic Bessemer steel in ingots	10·27202
Steel in ingots, other than basic Bessemer steel	13·96462
Final products and end products of iron and steel	5·31725

FF — France

Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal	0·21956
Hard coal of all categories	0·29815
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	0·89678
Basic Bessemer steel in ingots	1·17255
Steel in ingots, other than basic Bessemer steel	1·59405
Final products and end products of iron and steel	0·60696

Lit — Italy

Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal	29·42637
Hard coal of all categories	39·95971
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	120·19179
Basic Bessemer steel in ingots	157·15155
Steel in ingots other than basic Bessemer steel	213·64452
Final products and end products of iron and steel	81·34869

(1) Tables published pursuant to Decision No 2/52 of the High Authority (OJ of the ECSC No 1, 30 December 1952).

Fl — The Netherlands

Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal	0·13263
Hard coal of all categories	0·18010
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	0·54171
Basic Bessemer steel in ingots	0·70829
Steel in ingots other than basic Bessemer steel	0·96291
Final products and end products of iron and steel	0·36664

£ — United Kingdom and Ireland

Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal	0·02084
Hard coal of all categories	0·02830
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	0·08513
Basic Bessemer steel in ingots	0·11130
Steel in ingots other than basic Bessemer steel	0·15132
Final products and end products of iron and steel	0·05762

Dkr — Denmark

Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal	0·29957
Hard coal of all categories	0·40680
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	1·22359
Basic Bessemer steel in ingots	1·59985
Steel in ingots other than basic Bessemer steel	2·17497
Final products and end products of iron and steel	0·82816