DECISION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL

of 26 September 1997

on certain measures applicable with regard to the Russian Federation concerning trade in certain steel products covered by the ECSC Treaty

(97/636/ECSC)

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

In agreement with the Commission,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. Pending the entry into force of the new ECSC steel agreement with the Russian Federation, and in order to avoid disrupting the trade in the products which it covers, following the expiry on 30 September 1997 of the extended 1995-96 agreement, imports into all the Member States of steel products covered by the ECSC Treaty referred to in Annex I originating in the Russian Federation shall be subjected to import authorization until 31 December 1997.

2. Authorizations shall be issued only within the limits defined in Article 2. Steel products originating in the Russian Federation covered by an import authorization issued before the date of entry into force of this Decision, and which were already sent to the Community before that date, shall be admitted without the applicable authorization for the products covered by autonomous quota.

Article 2

Quantities of authorized imports shall be determined, for each product group and for the whole of the Community, according to the quotas indicated in Annex II.

Article 3

1. For the purpose of applying Article 2, the competent authorities of the Member States, before issuing import authorizations, shall notify the Commission of the amounts of the requests for import authorizations, supported by original export licences, which they have received. By return, the Commission shall notify its confirmation that the requested amount(s) of quantities are available for importation in the chronological order in which the notifications of the Member States have been received ('first come, first served' basis).

2. The requests included in the notifications to the Commission shall be valid if they establish clearly in each case the exporting country, the product group concerned, the amounts to be imported, the number of the export licence, the quota year and the Member State in which the products are intended to be put into free circulation.

3. The notifications referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be communicated electronically within the integrated network set up for this purpose, unless for imperative technical reasons it is necessary to use other means of communication temporarily.

4. The Member States shall issue the licences and forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

The Commission shall keep the Member States regularly informed of the extent to which the quantities have been used up.

5. The Member States and the Commission shall confer in order to ensure that these quantities are not exceeded.

Article 4

Should an agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Russian Federation on trade in certain steel products be concluded and enter into force during the period of application of this Decision, the provisions of that agreement together with any measures taken to give effect to it, shall, as from the date on which the agreement enters into force, replace the provisions of this Decision.

Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

In order to maintain continuity in the management of the quotas for 1997, this Decision shall apply from 1 October 1997.

Done at Brussels, 26 September 1997.

The President

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ANNEX I

SA. **Flat-rolled products**

SA1. *Coils*

7208 10 00
7208 25 00
7208 26 00
7208 27 00
7208 36 00
7208 37 90
7208 38 90
7208 39 90

7211 14 10
7211 19 20

7219 11 00
7219 12 10
7219 12 90
7219 13 10
7219 13 90
7219 14 10
7219 14 90

7225 19 10
7225 20 20
7225 30 00

SA1.a. *Hot-rolled coils for re-rolling*

7208 37 10
7208 38 10
7208 39 10

SA2. *Heavy plate*

7208 40 10
7208 51 10
7208 51 30
7208 51 50
7208 51 91
7208 51 99
7208 52 10
7208 52 91
7208 52 99
7208 53 10

7211 13 00

SA3. *Other flat-rolled products*

7208 40 90
7208 53 90
7208 54 10
7208 54 90
7208 90 10
7209 15 00
7209 16 10
7209 16 90
7209 17 10
7209 17 90
7209 18 10
7209 18 91
7209 18 99
7209 25 00
7209 26 10
7209 26 90
7209 27 10
7209 27 90
7209 28 10
7209 28 90
7209 90 10

7210 11 10
7210 12 11
7210 12 19
7210 20 10
7210 30 10
7210 41 10
7210 49 10
7210 50 10
7210 61 10
7210 69 10
7210 70 31
7210 70 39
7210 90 31
7210 90 33
7210 90 38

7211 14 90
7211 19 90
7211 23 10
7211 23 51
7211 29 20
7211 90 11

7212 10 10
7212 10 91
7212 20 11
7212 30 11
7212 40 10
7212 40 91
7212 50 31
7212 50 51
7212 60 11
7212 60 91

7219 21 10
7219 21 90
7219 22 10
7219 22 90
7219 23 00
7219 24 00
7219 31 00
7219 32 10
7219 32 90
7219 33 10
7219 33 90
7219 34 10
7219 34 90
7219 35 10
7219 35 90

7225 40 80

SB. **Long products**

SB1. *Beams*

7207 19 31
7207 20 71

7216 31 11
7216 31 19
7216 31 91
7216 31 99
7216 32 11
7216 32 19
7216 32 91
7216 32 99
7216 33 10
7216 33 90

SB2. *Wire rod*

7213 10 00
7213 20 00
7213 91 10
7213 91 20
7213 91 41
7213 91 49
7213 91 70
7213 91 90
7213 99 10
7213 99 90

7221 00 10
7221 00 90

7227 10 00
7227 20 00
7227 90 10
7227 90 50
7227 90 95

SB3. *Other*

7207 19 11
7207 19 14
7207 19 16
7207 20 51
7207 20 55
7207 20 57
7214 20 00
7214 30 00
7214 91 10
7214 91 90
7214 99 10
7214 99 31
7214 99 39
7214 99 50
7214 99 61
7214 99 69
7214 99 80
7214 99 90

7215 90 10

7216 10 00
7216 21 00
7216 22 00
7216 40 10
7216 40 90
7216 50 10
7216 50 91
7216 50 99
7216 99 10

7218 99 20

7222 11 11
7222 11 19
7222 11 21
7222 11 29
7222 11 91
7222 11 99
7222 19 10
7222 19 90
7222 30 10
7222 40 10
7222 40 30

7224 90 31
7224 90 39

7228 10 10
7228 10 30
7228 20 11
7228 20 19
7228 20 30
7228 30 20
7228 30 41
7228 30 49
7228 30 61
7228 30 69
7228 30 70
7228 30 89
7228 60 10
7228 70 10
7228 70 31
7228 80 10
7228 80 90

7301 10 00

ANNEX II

QUANTITATIVE LIMITS

(tonnes)

Products		*1 January to 31 December 1997*
SA.	*Flat products*	
SA1.	Coils	207 487
SA1.a.	Hot-rolled coils for re-rolling	430 000
SA2.	Heavy plate	31 115
SA3.	Other flat products	28 265
SB.	*Long products*	
SB1.	Beams	12 000
SB2.	Wire rod	28 000
SB3.	Other long products	104 357