COMMISSION DECISION No 106/79/ECSC

of 19 January 1979

extending for a further year the prohibition on alignment on offers of iron and steel products originating in certain third countries

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular the first and second paragraphs of Article 95 thereof,

Whereas the measures the Commission has taken relating to prices on the common market in steel have been extended for a further year ; whereas the governments of certain third countries have assured the Commission of their cooperation over these measures ;

Whereas experience has shown that the widespread use of the right to align on offers from third countries is a factor increasing downward pressure on Community prices ; whereas the Commission therefore suspended this right of alignment by Community undertakings in Decision No 527/78/ECSC (1), as last amended by Decision No 2293/78/ECSC (2) ; whereas Decision No 527/78/ECSC was due to expire on 31 December 1978 ;

Whereas the arrangements made with certain of the third countries have been continued to cover 1979 ; whereas Decision No 527/78/ECSC must therefore be extended to 31 December 1979 ;

Whereas these arrangements may cover only some iron and steel products, and it is therefore necessary to specify in the Annex the iron and steel products covered by this Decision ;

Having consulted the Consultative Committee, and with the unanimous assent of the Council,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Decision No 527/78/ECSC is amended as follows :

1. The words 'It shall expire on 31 December 1978' in Article 3 are replaced by the words 'It shall expire on 31 December 1979'.

2. The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 19 January 1979.

For the Commission

Étienne DAVIGNON

Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 73, 15. 3. 1978, p. 16.
(2) OJ No L 275, 30. 9. 1978, p. 92.

ANNEX

The ban on alignment introduced by this Decision covers the terms offered by undertakings situate in the following countries :

1. SWISS CONFEDERATION :

and as regards

— concrete reinforcing bars with minor identations, flanges, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process, whether or not twisted after rolling, NIMEXE (1) statistical subdivision 73.10 A II a),

— smooth reinforcing bars, NIMEXE statistical subdivision ex 73.10 A II b).

(1) Nomenclature of goods for the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States (OJ No L 353, 18. 12. 1978).