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COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 December 1972

fixing the rate of the levies for 1973 and amending Decision No 3-52 of 23 December 1972 on the amount of and methods for applying the levies provided for in Articles 49 and 50 of the Treaty

(72/2821/ECSC)

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 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 Treaty;

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 1973 financial year at 74 million units of account; whereas that budget, which was adopted by the Commission of the European Communities at its session of December 1972 in the form shown in the Annex to this Decision, determines the amount of income to be provided from levies in the financial year, namely 63·8 million units of account;

Whereas the estimated yield of the levies at a rate of 0·10% is 22 million units of account;

Having noted the Opinion issued on 12 December 1972 by the European Parliament;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The rate of the levies on output from 1 January 1973 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 2733/71 ECSC of 15 December 1971, is replaced by the following:

'The average value of the products on which the levies are assessed shall, from 1 January 1973, be as follows, in units of account:

Product	Average value
Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal	11·70
Hard coal of all categories	18·16
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	70·63
Basic Bessemer steel in ingots	81·46
Steel in ingots other than basic Bessemer steel	98·03
Finished products and end products of basic Bessemer steel	135·76
Other finished products and end products of iron and steel	163·38'

Article 3

Article 4 of Decision No 3-52 of 23 December 1952, as last amended by Article 4 of Decision No 2733/71 ECSC of 15 December 1971, is replaced by the following:

Products	Assessment January 1973 and subsequent months and Collection February 1973 and subsequent months
Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal[1]	0·0339
Hard coal of all categories[2]	0·0526
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	0·1617
Basic Bessemer steel in ingots	0·1931
Steel in ingots other than Basic Bessemer steel	0·2667
Final products and end products of iron and steel	0·1010

[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 3-52, less 12%.

The corresponding scales expressed for guidance in the currencies of the Member States shall be published at a later date.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1973.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1972.

For the Commission

The President

S. L. MANSHOLT

ANNEX

ECSC OPERATING BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1973

Requirements (in million u.a.)	Rate 0·29	Resources (in million u.a.)	Rate 0·29
A. OPERATIONS TO BE FINANCED FROM CURRENT RESOURCES (NON-REPAYABLE)		A. CURRENT RESOURCES	
		1. Levy yield (rounded off)	63·8
1. Administration	18·0		
		2. Interest on investments and loans from non-borrowed funds	10·0[1]
2. Aid to readaptation	40·0		
3. Aid to research	16·0[1]	3. Miscellaneous	0·2
(a) Steel 8 (1)			
(b) Coal 4 (1)			
(c) Social 4 (1)			
		Total	74·0
Total	74·0		
B. OPERATIONS FINANCED BY LOANS FROM NON-BORROWED FUNDS		B. ORIGIN OF NON-BORROWED FUNDS	
		4. Redemption of loans for workers' housing	4·8
4. Loans by 'mixture of funds'. Articles 54 and 56	19·2	5. Part of the former ECSC pension fund	5·2
5. Special Reserve appropriation (workers' housing)	10·0	6. New members' contribution to ECSC funds	19·2

[1] Should receipts from interest be higher than expected, aid to research will be increased proportionately for each of the three fields of research.