COMMISSION DECISION No 2996/77/ECSC

of 21 December 1977

fixing the rate of the levies for the 1978 financial year and amending Decision No 3/52/ECSC 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 (1), and in particular Articles 20 and 21 thereof,

Having regard to Decision No 3115/76/ECSC of 20 December 1976 fixing the rate of the levies for the 1977 financial year 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 (2),

Having regard to Decision No 1687/77/ECSC of 22 July 1977 supplementing Decision No 2/52/ECSC 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 (3),

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

Whereas the requirements of the European Coal and Steel Community are estimated in the operational budget for the 1978 financial year at 152 million European units of account; whereas that budget, which was adopted by the Commission of the European Communities on 22 December 1977 in the form shown in the Annex to this Decision, indicates the amount of income to be provided from levies in the course of the financial year 1978, namely 100 million European units of account;

Whereas the estimated yield of the levies at a rate of 0·01 % is 3·45 million European units of account;

Having noted the opinion delivered on 14 December 1977 by the European Parliament,

(1) OJ No 152, 13. 7. 1967, p. 2.
(2) OJ No L 352, 22. 12. 1976, p. 8.
(3) OJ No L 187, 27. 7. 1977, p. 35.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The rate of the levies on output from 1 January 1978 shall be 0·29 % of the figures used as the basis of assessment for such levies.

Article 2

Article 2 of Decision No 3/52/ECSC, as amended by Article 2 of Decision No 3115/76/ECSC of 20 December 1976, is hereby amended to read as follows:

The average value in European units of account of the products on which the levies are assessed shall from 1 January 1978 be as follows:

Product	Average value
Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal	24·08
Hard coal of all categories	38·55
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	145·94
Steel in ingots	168·94
Finished products and end products of iron and steel as described in Annex I to the Treaty	281·56

Article 3

Article 4 of Decision No 3/52/ECSC, as last amended by Article 4 of Decision No 3115/76/ECSC of 20 December 1976, is hereby amended to read as follows:

The scale provided for in Article 2 (4) of Decision No 2/52/ECSC shall accordingly be as follows, the figures being given in European units of account:

Product	Assessment January 1978 and subsequent months and collection March 1978 and subsequent months
Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal (1)	0·06983
Hard coal of all categories (2)	0·11180
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	0·33669
Steel in ingots	0·43962
Finished products and end products of iron and steel as described in Annex 1 to the Treaty	0·19824

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

(2) For purposes of the deductions provided for in Article 3, the levy fixed above shall be applied to the net tonnage of hard coal as defined in Article 1 of Decision No 2/52/ECSC, less 14 %.

The amount of the levies per tonne to be paid in the currencies of the Member States of the Community shall be determined in compliance with Article 3 of Decision No 3289/75/ECSC.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1978.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1977.

For the Commission

The President

Roy JENKINS

ANNEX

ECSC OPERATIONAL BUDGET FOR 1978

(in million EUA)

Requirements	Estimates		Resources	Estimates
Operations to be financed from the resources of the financial year (non-recoverable)			**Resources of the financial year**	
			1. Current resources	
			1.1. Levy yield at 0·29 %	100
1. Administrative expenditure	5		1.2. Interest on investments and on loans from non-borrowed funds	18
2. Aid to resettlement (Article 56)	60		1.3. Fines and late payment surcharges	token entry
			1.4. Miscellaneous	token entry
3. Aid to research (Article 55)	41			
3.1. Steel		16	2. Cancellation of commitments unlikely to be used	2
3.2. Coal		16		
3.3. Social		9		
			3. Reassessment of assets and liabilities	token entry
4. Interest subsidies	40			
4.1. Investment (Article 54)		15	4. Unused resources carried over from the financial year 1977	token entry
4.2. Redevelopment (Article 56)		25		
5. Aid to coking coal and metallurgical coke	6		5. Special contribution under the Council Decision of 21 December 1977	32
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Operations financed with loans from non-borrowed funds			**Origin of non-borrowed funds**	
			6. Repayments on loans for social housing	7·5
6. Social housing	15			
			7. Special reserve and former ECSC pension fund	7·5