

# COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 December 1996

**on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Russian Federation extending the Agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Russian Federation on trade in certain steel products for the period 1 January to 30 June 1997**

(97/120/ECSC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

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

Whereas, the Commission has finalized negotiations for an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Russian Federation extending the Agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Russian Federation on trade in certain steel products for the period 1 January to 30 June 1997,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

### *Sole Article*

1. The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Coal and Steel Community

and the Russian Federation extending the Agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Russian Federation on trade in certain steel products for the period 1 January to 30 June 1997 is hereby approved on behalf of the European Coal and Steel Community.

2. The text of the Agreement<sup>(1)</sup> is annexed to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1996.

*For the Commission*

Leon BRITTAN

*Vice-President*

---

<sup>(1)</sup> See page 41 of this Official Journal.