

COMMISSION DECISION No 2286/96/ECSC

of 20 November 1996

fixing the rate of the levies for the 1997 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 Treaty

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular Articles 49 and 50 thereof,

Whereas, in view of the variations in average values recorded during the reference period, Articles 2 and 4 of Decision No 3/52/ECSC of the High Authority⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision No 2720/95/ECSC⁽²⁾, should be amended;

Whereas the requirements of the European Coal and Steel Community are estimated in the operating budget for the 1997 financial year at ECU 265,5 million; whereas that budget, which was adopted by the Commission on 20 November 1996 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 1996, namely ECU 95,4 million;

Whereas the estimated yield of the levies at a rate of 0,01 % is ECU 5,611 million,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The rate of the levies on output from 1 January 1997 shall be 0,17 % of the figures used as the basis of assessment for such levies.

Article 2

Decision No 3/52/ECSC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 2 is replaced by the following:

Article 2

The average value in ecus of the products on which the levies are assessed shall, from 1 January 1997, be as follows:

(ECU)	
Product	Average value
Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal	78,46
Hard coal of all categories	83,41

⁽¹⁾ OJ of the ECSC No 1, 30. 12. 1952, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 283, 25. 11. 1995, p. 5.

(ECU)

Product	Average value
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	190,64
Steel in ingots	267,83
Finished products and end products of iron and steel as described in Annex I to the Treaty	446,38'

2. Article 4 is replaced by the following:

Article 4

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

(ECU)

Product	Assessment
Brown coal briquettes and semi-coke derived from brown coal ⁽¹⁾	0,13338
Hard coal of all categories ⁽²⁾	0,14180
Pig iron other than that used for making ingots	0,23476
Steel in ingots	0,39647
Finished products and end products of iron and steel as described in Annex I to the Treaty	0,18424

⁽¹⁾ For purposes of the deductions provided for in Article 3 the levy fixed 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 shall be determined in accordance with Article 3 of Commission Decision No 3289/75/ECSC^(*).

^(*) OJ No L 327, 19. 12. 1975, p. 4.'

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 November 1996.

For the Commission
Erkki LIIKANEN
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

ECSC OPERATING BUDGET FOR 1997

(ECU million)

Requirements	Forecast	Resources	Forecast
OPERATIONS TO BE FINANCED FROM RESOURCES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR (non-repayable)		RESOURCES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	
1. Administrative expenditure	5,0	1. Current resources:	
		1.1. Yield from levy at the rate of 0,17 %	95,4
2. Aid for redeployment (Article 56)	67,0	1.2. Net balance	96,0
		1.3. Fines and surcharges for late payment	p. m.
3. Aid for research (Article 55) (1)	84,0	1.4. Miscellaneous	6,0
3.1. Steel	55,0	2. Cancellation of commitments unlikely to be implemented	53,5
3.2. Coal	29,0		
3.3. Social	p. m.	3. Unused resources carried over from previous year	14,6
4. Conversion aids (Article 56)	7,0	4. Contingency reserve	p. m.
5. Social measures connected with restructuring the steel industry (Article 56)	p. m.	5. Exceptional resources	p. m.
6. Social measures connected with restructuring the coal industry (Article 56)	24,0		
PROVISION FOR FINANCING FUTURE BUDGETS	78,5		
Total budget	265,5	Total budget	265,5
OPERATIONS FINANCED BY LOANS FROM NON-BORROWED FUNDS		ORIGIN OF NON-BORROWED FUNDS	
Workers' housing	13,0	Special reserve and former ECSC Pension Fund	13,0

(1) Including projects with an impact on technical measures to combat harmful effects at the workplace and around steel plants (indicative amount of ECU 4 million), industrial hygiene and mine safety (indicative amount of ECU 3 million).