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THE HIGH AUTHORITY,

HAVING regard to Article 53, *b* of the Treaty ;

HAVING regard to Articles 65, 2 and 80 of the Treaty ;

HAVING regard to Decisions No. 14/55, of March 26, 1955, establishing financial arrangements to ensure a regular flow of scrap to the Common Market (*Official Gazette of the Community, March 30, 1955, p. 134*), No. 26/55, of July 20, 1955, concerning the steps whereby the financial arrangements to ensure a saving of scrap by the increased use of pig-iron were to be put into effect (*Official Gazette of the Community, July 26, 1955, p. 283*), and No. 3/56, of February 15, 1956, concerning the steps whereby the financial arrangements to ensure a saving of scrap were to be put into effect by the increased use of liquid basic Bessemer steel in electric furnaces (*Official Gazette of the Community, of February 22, 1956, p. 16*) ;

WHEREAS the aforementioned decisions expire on March 31, 1956 ;

WHEREAS it is apparent that the system at present in force calls for revision in the light of experience gained ;

WHEREAS it will not be possible to complete the detailed examination of a new system by March 31, 1956, and whereas it is therefore apparent that the aforementioned decisions must be extended for a further three months ;

with the unanimous agreement of the Council of Ministers,

DECIDES :

Article 1

Decisions No. 14/55, of March 26, 1955, No. 26/55, of July 20, 1955, and No. 3/56, of February 15, 1956, are hereby extended up to and including June 30, 1956.

Article 2

This decision shall come into force within the Community on April 1, 1956.

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the High Authority at its session on March 7, 1956.

For the High Authority,

RENÉ MAYER,

President.

INFORMATION

Letter addressed by the High Authority on March 8, 1956, to the Government of the French Republic, concerning the special domestic tariff measure for the benefit of the Centre/Midi collieries

MONSIEUR LE PRÉSIDENT,

In reply to letter 2383 P of December 6, 1955, in which the French Government forwarded to the High Authority an application by the French State Railways for the extension of the provisions of Tariff No. 7, heading 14, section I, which were due to expire on December 31, 1955, the High Authority on December 23, 1955, informed you that it proposed to go into the matter in detail, but that, as an exceptional concession, it gave its consent to the proposal submitted, subject to the reservation that this consent should provisionally have effect only up to and including March 31, 1956. In his letter 2383 P of January 6, 1956, the Minister of Public Works and Transport informed the High Authority that he had endorsed the arrangements proposed, but only up to and including March 31, 1956.

In its letter of February 24, 1956, the French Government informed the High Authority that the French State Railways had submitted a further proposal (published in the *Journal Officiel* of February 21) for the extension of the provisions in question up to and including April 30, 1958.

With a view to going into this matter, which relates to the carriage of coal, briquetted or non-briquetted, from any colliery in Aquitaine-Hérault, the Cévennes or Auvergne to eleven departments on the Atlantic seaboard, the High Authority on February 3 of this year heard representatives of the French Government, assisted by representatives of the Charbonnages de France and the French State Railways. These delegates stressed that during 1955 the provisions concerned had, by enabling sales to be increased, helped to keep unemployment in check, despite intensified competition from liquid fuels.

The High Authority's information is that the collieries concerned have lowered their production costs and secured an increase in output from their workers, and also have gone ahead with a scheme for adapting their means of production in such a way as to achieve a balance in due course. Despite this concentration of operation, however, their position is still difficult.

Although the tariff provisions proposed constitute an exception to the provisions of Article 4, *b* and of Article 70, first paragraph, of the Treaty, the High Authority considers that, in the above circumstances, the principles which, under Articles 2 and 3 of the Treaty, must govern the development of the Common Market, and in particular that of safeguarding the continuity of employment, justify it in granting to the tariff measures proposed the consent required under Article 70, fourth paragraph, of the Treaty.

Notwithstanding, inasmuch as the High Authority is so justified only in consequence of the particular circumstances at present obtaining, it can only consent to the measure in question on a temporary basis, for a period not, in any event, to go beyond March 31, 1958.

Furthermore, should any important change take place in the conditions of competition in the Common Market, the High Authority reserves the right to take the matter up again with the French Government.

I have, &c.

List of Opinions on Investment Projects

(see Article 54 of the Treaty)

Availing itself of the powers conferred upon it under Article 54, third paragraph, of the Treaty, the High Authority, by its Decision No. 27/55, of July 20, 1955 (*Official Gazette of the Community, July 26, 1955, p. 287*), required that all enterprises belonging to the coalmining and iron and steel industries of the Community should submit their individual investment projects.

Article 54, fourth paragraph, of the Treaty makes it obligatory for the High Authority to publish a list of the opinions issued by it either of its own accord or at the request of the enterprises.

This list begins below, and will be continued in the Official Gazette of the Community, under the same heading, as and when further opinions have been issued.

1. *Koninklijke Nederlandsche Hoogovens en Staalfabrieken, IJmuiden*
construction of a fourth blast-furnace ;
extension of the steelworks ;
construction of an electrolytic tinning plant ;
work on harbour and transport facilities.

Opinion issued by the High Authority on December 23, 1955.

2. *Union Sidérurgique du Nord de la France ("USINOR"), Paris*
Works at Denain:
construction of a fifth blast-furnace ;
modernization and extension of the basic Bessemer steelworks ;
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Works at Valenciennes:
construction of a sintering-plant.

Opinion issued by the High Authority on January 20, 1956.

3. *Eschweiler Bergwerks-Verein, Kohlscheid/Aachen*

extension of the Anna coking-plant at Alsdorf, by the installation of three new batteries (96 furnaces).

Opinion issued by the High Authority on January 20, 1956.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DECISIONS, OPINIONS AND CONSULTATIONS

DECISION concerning the replacement of a retiring member of the Consultative Committee

THE COUNCIL,

HAVING regard to Article 18, second paragraph, of the Treaty,

DECIDES :

that Mr. C. Feenstra of the Christelijk Nationaal Vakverbond, of Utrecht, shall be appointed a member of the Consultative Committee (category of "workers") in succession to Mr. F. S. Dohmen, retiring member.

This appointment shall have effect as from February 9, 1956.

This decision was adopted by the Council at its twenty-ninth session on February 9, 1956.

For the Council,

J. REY,

President.

AGREEMENT by the Council, under Article 53, b of the Treaty, to the extension of Decision No. 14/55, of March 26, 1955 (as amended by Decision No. 24/55, of June 14, 1955), No. 26/55, of July 20, 1955, and No. 3/56, of February 15, 1956

The Council, at its thirtieth session on March 6, 1956, gave its agreement, in accordance with Article 53, *b* of the Treaty, to the extension up to and including June 30, 1956, of Decisions No. 14/55, of March 26, 1955 (as amended by Decision No. 24/55, of June 14, 1955), No. 26/55, of July 20, 1955, and No. 3/56, of February 15, 1956.

A record of this agreement is contained in the minutes of the deliberations of the Council.

For the Council,

J. REY,

President.

AUTHORIZATION by the Council, in accordance with Section 23, 6 of the Convention containing the Transitional Provisions, enabling the High Authority to exempt the Belgian Government from paying a special contribution at least equal to the amount of the non-repayable assistance granted by the High Authority to workers discharged from the collieries of the Borinage coalfield

The Council, at its thirtieth session on March 6, 1956, as recorded in the minutes of its deliberations, unanimously gave the authorization required under Section 23, 6 of the Convention containing the Transitional Provisions, enabling the High Authority to exempt the Belgian Government from paying a special contribution at least equal to the amount of the non-repayable assistance granted by the High Authority to workers discharged from the collieries of the Borinage coalfield.

For the Council,

J. REY.

President.

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