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DECISION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY
MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL

amending Decision No 77/707/ECSC concerning Community surveillance of imports
of hard coal originating in third countries

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In response to various Commission proposals on energy pricing, the Council of 16 March adopted the following conclusion :

"3. The Council would encourage the Commission's efforts to improve price transparency, wherever necessary, and asks the Commission to report back on the results of these efforts".

In its document on the rôle for coal in Community energy strategy, the Commission announced that it intended (1) to seek improvements in the quality of information on prices from Member States by extending existing arrangements relating to information about the prices of steam coal imports from non-Community countries (2).

2. The Commission suggested to the representatives of the governments of the Member States of the ECSC, meeting within the Council, that this Decision might be improved in three ways for greater transparency :

- the breakdown of coal imports for power stations by country of origin is at present confined to tonnages but the average quarterly prices should in future also be included (see Article 3.2) ;
- such a breakdown is only required where at least three firms are involved ; this exemption should also be annulled (see Article 3.2) ;
- according to Article 4, general information or summaries of the information described above can ^{be} communicated only to Member States; this restriction should be lifted to allow the Commission to pass on such information in its efforts to improve the transparency of energy pricing.

3. This improvement in transparency would be particularly useful given the growing annual tonnage covered by the Decision, which rose from 22 million in 1977 to around 40 million in 1981 accounting for an increasing share of power stations deliveries.

(1) see COM(82)31 final, page 8 (second subparagraph in box)

(2) see Decision 77/707/ECSC, OJ No L 292 of 16.11.1977, page 11

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THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE
COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

In agreement with the Commission,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Decision 77/707/ECSC¹ is hereby amended as follows :

1. Article 3(2) is replaced by the following :

"2. The information referred to in paragraph 1 shall be communicated to the Commission within 40 days of the end of each quarter, broken down by country of origin and by length of supply contract (one year and longer or less than one year)".

2. Article 4 is replaced by the following :

"The information supplied pursuant to Article 3 shall be confidential. This provision shall not, however, prevent the Commission from publishing general or summary information in a form which does not enable financial information about individual deliveries to be reconstructed.

Article 2

Member States shall take the measures necessary to implement this Decision.

Done at Brussels,

The President