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LABOUR COSTS IN INDUSTRY

1979 Updating

Under the Community system of wages statistics, the Statistical Office of the European Communities carries out a survey of labour costs in industry, distribution, banking and insurance every three years. The first results of the 1978 survey have been published (1), and SOEC in cooperation with the national statistical services has compiled 1979 updatings of the survey results relating to industry (2).

A summary of trends and levels of average hourly labour costs for the whole of manual and non-manual workers in manufacturing industry is shown in tables 1 and 2. The latter table shows absolute values expressed in units of national currencies followed by the same data converted into European units of account (ECU) and purchasing power standards (PPS). (See explanatory note below).

Finally, a breakdown of average hourly labour costs by NACE industrial groups for the years 1975, 1978 and 1979, expressed both in national currencies and in ECU, is given in tables 3 and 4.

Tab. 1 - Trends of average hourly labour costs

Total manufacturing industries

Manual + non-manual workers

	D	F	I	NL	B	L	UK	DK
a) % changes 1979/1978								
- in national currencies	+ 6	+ 15	+ 17	+ 7	+ 9	+ 4	+ 12	+ 11
- in ECU	+ 8	+ 12	+ 10	+ 7	+ 8	+ 4	+ 16	+ 8
b) % changes 1979/1975								
- in national currencies	+ 31	+ 72	+ 83	+ 33	+ 52	+ 42	+ 69	+ 50
- in ECU	+ 60	+ 56	+ 29	+ 52	+ 71	+ 60	+ 49	+ 48

(1) EUROSTAT, "Wages and Incomes", notice No. 1-1981 of 27.3.1981;
 EUROSTAT, "Hourly earnings - Hours of work", No. 1-1981

(2) Ireland and Greece: data not yet available
 Denmark: updated 1975 survey results



As shown in table 1, average hourly labour costs in manufacturing industries, expressed in national currencies, continued to rise in 1979 but at very different rates in all member states, with annual increases ranging from 4% (L) and 6% (D) to 15% (F) and 17% (I). For the whole of the period from 1975 to 1979, increases in labour costs showed a similar pattern, spreading from 31-33% (D, NL) to 69-83% (UK, F, I). Fluctuations in exchange rates played an important role during the period under review; thus ECU valued labour costs rose considerably faster in certain countries (D, UK) or slower (F, I, DK) than values expressed in national currencies.

Tab. 2 - Average hourly labour costs 1975-1979

All manufacturing industries

Manual + non-manual workers

	D	F	I	NL	B	L	UK	IRL	DKR
a) in national currencies									
	<u>DM</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>LIT</u>	<u>HFL</u>	<u>BFR</u>	<u>LFR</u>	<u>UKL</u>	<u>IRL</u>	<u>DKR</u>
1975	17,54	24,95	3 450	20,24	268	270	1,66	1,49	40,90
1976 (a)	19,07	29,00	3 950	22,49	307	313	1,97	:	45,50
1977 (a)	20,67	33,03	4 740	23,56	344	338	2,27	:	49,70
1978	21,76	37,38	5 403	25,22	374	367	2,51	:	55,21
1979	23,00	42,80	6 310	27,00	406	382	2,80	:	61,20
IV 1979	22,90	41,80	6 100	26,70	398	388	:	:	58,90
X 1979	23,10	43,70	6 520	27,20	414	376	:	:	63,60
b) in ECU									
	<u>5,75</u>	<u>4,69</u>	<u>4,26</u>	<u>6,46</u>	<u>5,89</u>	<u>5,93</u>	<u>2,95</u>	<u>2,66</u>	<u>5,74</u>
1975	5,75	4,69	4,26	6,46	5,89	5,93	2,95	2,66	5,74
1976 (a)	6,80	5,40	4,30	7,60	7,10	7,20	3,10	:	6,70
1977 (a)	7,80	5,90	4,70	8,40	8,40	8,30	3,50	:	7,20
1978	8,51	6,51	5,00	9,16	9,34	9,16	3,78	:	7,87
1979	9,20	7,30	5,50	9,80	10,10	9,50	4,40	:	8,50
IV 1979	9,00	7,20	5,40	9,70	9,90	9,70	:	:	8,30
X 1979	9,30	7,30	5,70	9,90	10,30	9,40	:	:	8,70
c) in SPA									
	<u>5,12</u>	<u>4,32</u>	<u>5,13</u>	<u>6,00</u>	<u>5,32</u>	<u>5,63</u>	<u>3,54</u>	<u>3,25</u>	<u>4,81</u>
1975	5,12	4,32	5,13	6,00	5,32	5,63	3,54	3,25	4,81
1976 (a)	5,90	5,00	5,40	6,70	6,20	6,40	4,00	:	5,40
1977 (a)	6,60	5,70	5,90	7,20	7,00	7,20	4,40	:	5,80
1978	7,23	6,30	6,39	7,79	7,77	7,93	4,77	:	6,34
1979	8,10	7,20	7,10	8,80	8,80	8,60	5,20	:	7,20
IV 1979	8,00	7,00	6,80	8,70	8,60	8,70	:	:	6,90
X 1979	8,10	7,30	7,30	8,80	9,00	8,40	:	:	7,40

a) Revised updated figures

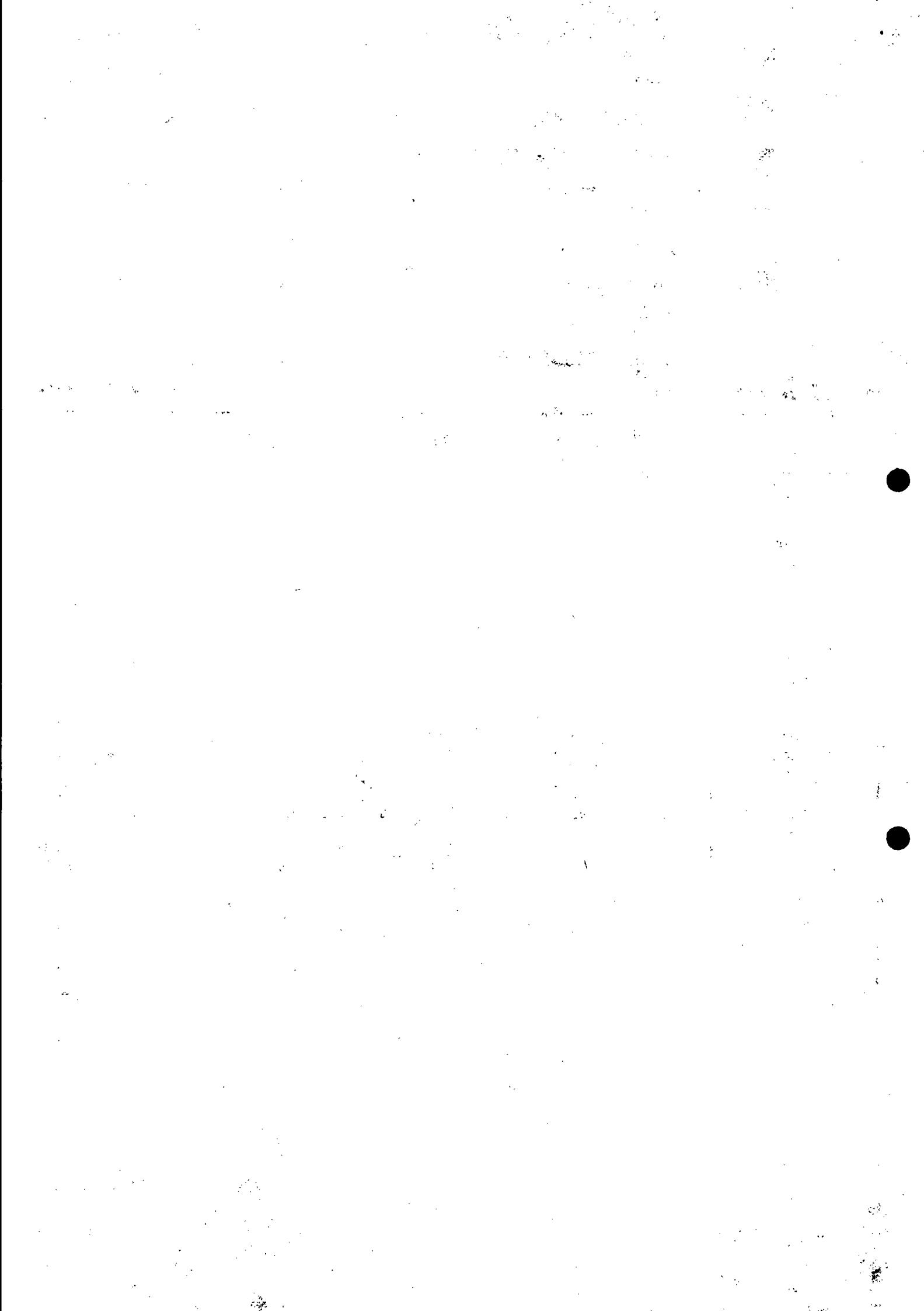
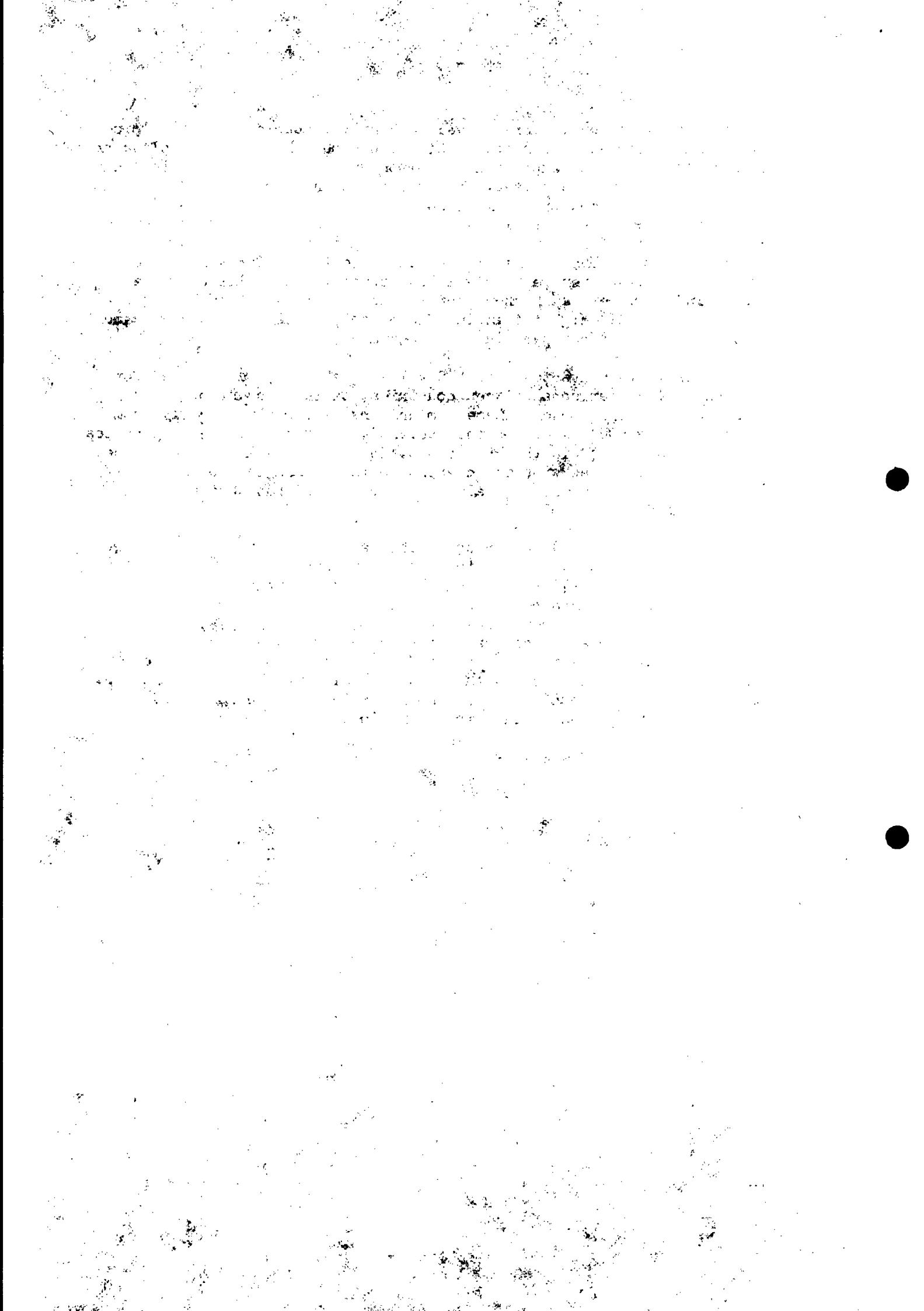


Table 2 gives national currency valued hourly labour costs and allows comparison (bearing in mind the restrictions outlined in the explanatory note below) of values expressed in common units (ECU and PPS). In looking first at ECU valued data (tab. 2b), one finds that both in 1979 and in 1975, the Benelux countries are placed on top of the scale (countries with the highest costs) followed in decreasing order by Germany, Denmark, France, Italy, the United Kingdom and Ireland. The only important change concerns Belgium which moved to the first rank from 1978 on; in 1979, average hourly labour costs in the Belgian manufacturing industry were 4% higher than in the Netherlands, 11% higher than in Germany and 41% higher than in France, only to mention Belgium's most important adjacent partners in foreign trade.

Labour cost data converted into PPS values (tab. 2 b) can be used for more general comparisons between countries, taking account of their relative purchasing power. These comparisons differ considerably from those based on ECU values. On the one hand, the spread between countries is very much reduced in the PPS values. In 1979 for example, the spread between the countries with the highest costs (B) and the lowest costs (UK) amounted to 130% if ECU values are considered but shrinks to 69% in terms of PPS.

In addition, PPS valued labour costs show a different ranking order for certain member states. This is true in particular for Italy which held the fourth rank in 1975 (following the Benelux countries) together with Germany and leaving France clearly behind, whereas in terms of ECU values Italy is found in the last but one position. By 1979, this situation had changed considerably as France and Denmark saw their PPS values catch up with Italy while Germany was even well ahead of this group, occupying the fourth position behind the Benelux countries. As in the case of the ECU valued comparison Belgium, in the third position in 1975, reached the first rank in 1979.



Explanatory note

The hourly labour cost is arrived at by dividing the total labour cost by the total number of hours worked by manual workers and the customary or usual number of hours worked by non-manual workers.

Hourly labour costs, expressed in national currencies, have been converted into European units of account to facilitate comparison in terms of international competitiveness. For the rates used for conversion into ECU see "EUROSTATISTICS", table 151.

In addition, recognizing the need for a more general comparison, hourly labour costs, expressed in national currencies, have been converted into current purchasing power standards (PPS) using the rates compiled each year by EUROSTAT for the ESA aggregate "final domestic uses". These data are comparable for a given period (between countries) but not for different periods (between years). The results of the conversion should be interpreted with caution particularly because of the differences in the concepts and definitions of these two aggregates. For a description of the method of calculating purchasing power parities see "National Accounts ESA, Aggregates 1960-1979, EUROSTAT 1981. The rates used are given below.

1 Purchasing power standard = ...

	DM	FF	100 LIT	HFL	BFR	LFR	UKL	IRL	DKR
1975	3,43	5,77	6,72	3,37	50,37	47,94	0,467	0,459	8,50
1976	3,25	5,82	7,32	3,35	49,69	48,75	0,490	0,496	8,49
1977	3,11	5,86	7,97	3,27	48,95	46,70	0,512	0,518	8,59
1978	3,00	5,99	8,48	3,21	48,86	46,05	0,525	0,528	8,74
1979	2,89	6,07	9,02	3,10	45,64	44,12	0,546	0,556	8,76

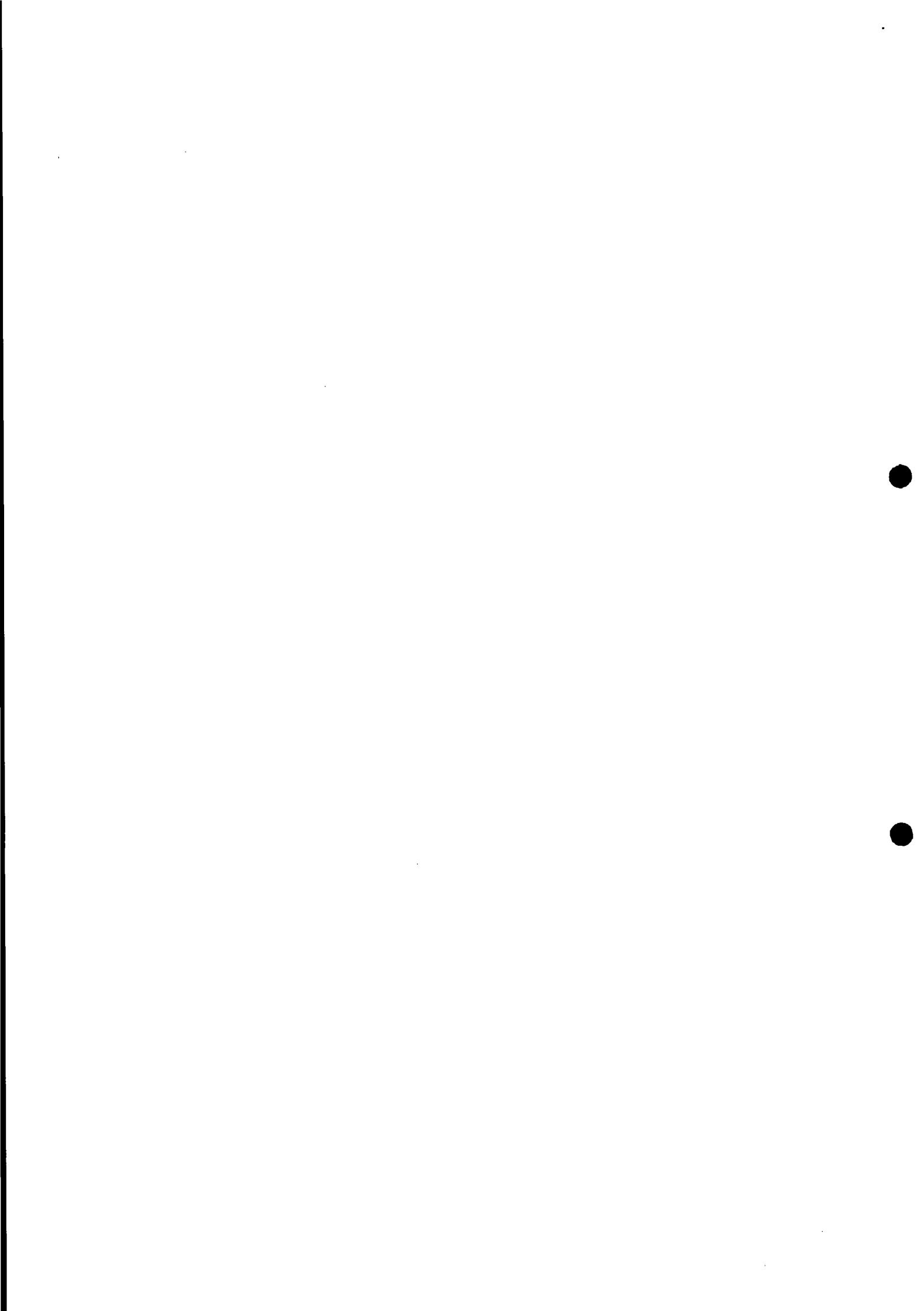


Table 3 - HOURLY LABOUR COSTS IN INDUSTRY, 1975 - 1979
in national currency

Manual + non manual workers

	N A C E		D	F	I	NL	B	L	UK	DK
			DM	FF	LIT	HFL	BFR	LFR	UKL	DKR
1 to 5 (ex- cept 16+ 17)	All industries (except elec- tricity, gas, steam and water)	1975 1978 1979	17,57 21,71 23,00	24,44 36,95 42,20	3400 5412 6300	20,21 24,87 26,80	272 373 404	256 341 361	1,69 2,53 :	40,40 55,20 :
11, 13, 21, 23	Mining and quarrying	1975 1978 1979	22,60 27,30 29,50	33,56 48,84 55,40	4379 5882 6810	26,79 31,61 :	338 445 478	304 342 354	2,49 3,63 :	37,42 50,34 :
12, 14, 15, 22, 24 to 26, 3, 4	Manufacturing industries	1975 1978 1979	17,54 21,76 23,00	24,95 37,38 42,80	3450 5403 6310	20,24 25,22 27,00	268 374 406	270 367 382	1,66 2,51 2,80	40,90 55,21 61,20
11	Extraction and briquetting of solid fuels	1975 1978 1979	24,72 ¹⁾ 28,67 ¹⁾ 31,50 ¹⁾	34,34 46,92 :	5220 6981 8030	- - -	374 468 503	- - -	2,63 3,85 :	- - -
12	Coke ovens	1975 1978 1979	:	:	4684 6915 8120	- - -	317 432 469	- - -	2,29 3,19 :	- - -
13	Extraction of petroleum and natural gas	1975 1978 1979	23,06 : :	53,58 90,32 101,30	5221 8698 10050	29,80 32,96 :	- - -	- - -	5,52 : -	- - -
14	Mineral oil refining	1975 1978 1979	25,50 37,77 40,00	44,85 66,04 73,90	5223 7442 8690	28,43 36,83 :	484 676 770	- - -	2,67 3,88 4,30	47,67 60,34 69,50
21	Extraction and preparation of metalliferous ores	1975 1978 1979	21,14 : :	38,00 57,44 64,40	4582 5682 6710	- - -	337 420 426	:- 3,13 :	- - -	-

1) NACE 11 + 12

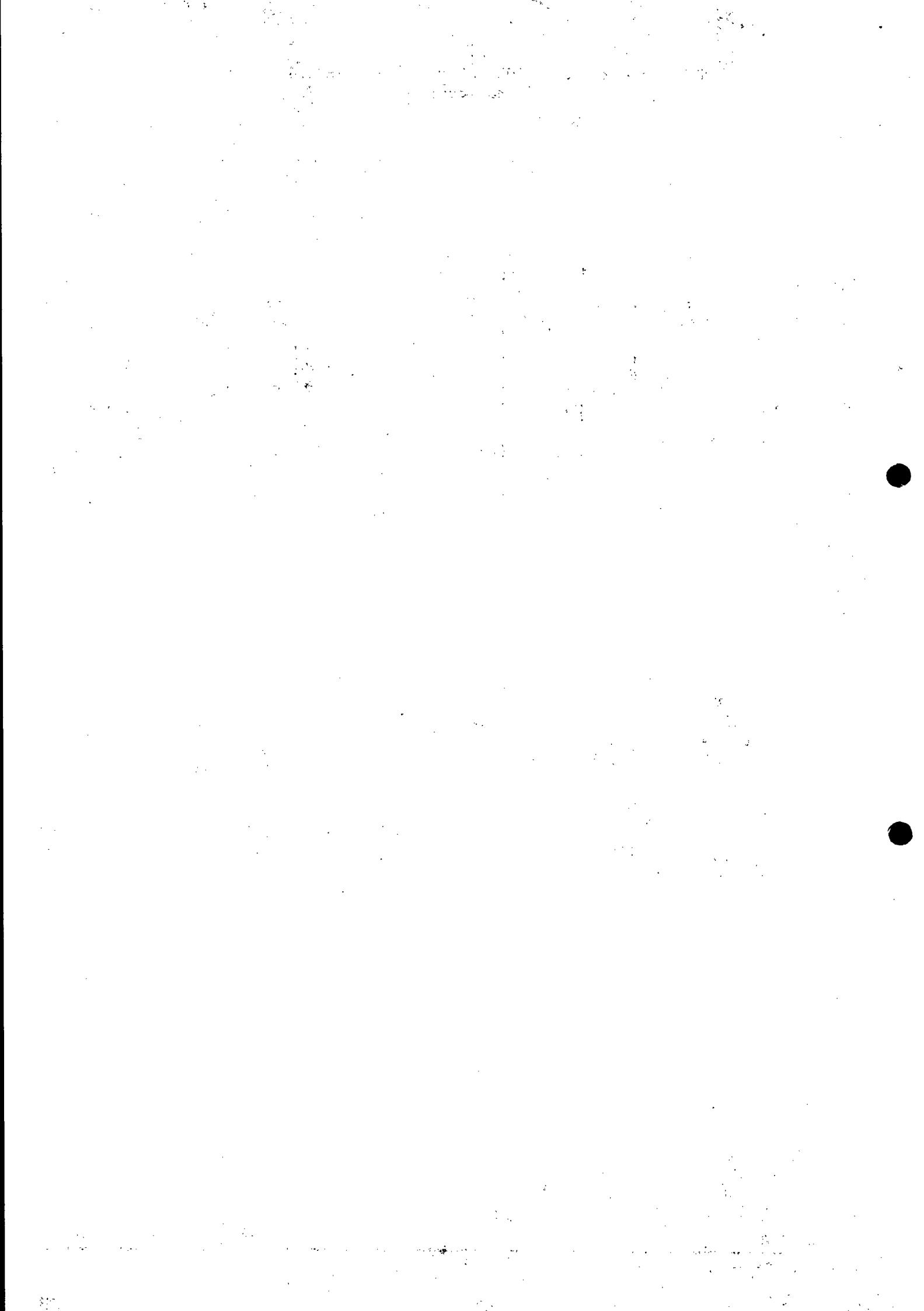


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			DM	FF	LIT	HFL	BFR	LFR	UKL	DKR
22	Production and preliminary	1975	19,83	29,33	4012	24,07	336	307	1,97	44,66
		1978	24,40	43,68	6218	30,27	474	416	2,91	57,61
		1979	26,00	49,10	7150	:	524	437	3,20	63,60
23	Extraction of minerals other than metalliferous	1975	15,37	26,33	4056	22,58	279	204	:	37,42
		1978	20,79	40,06	5688	28,76	369	242	2,34	50,34
		1979	22,00	45,90	6570	:	393	281	:	56,70
24	Manufacture of non-metallic mineral products	1975	16,42	23,71	3108	19,13	265	206	1,59	40,65
		1978	20,51	36,12	5032	23,77	380	269	2,47	54,09
		1979	21,80	41,40	5760	:	409	294	2,80	61,00
25	Chemical industry	1975	20,78	32,72	4169	24,64	331	212	1,97	46,23
		1978	27,32	48,46	6435	30,25	470	279	2,97	62,27
		1979	28,70	56,10	7740	:	507	301	3,30	68,30
26	Man-made fibres industry	1975	19,58	33,51	4037	:	321	272	2,02	-
		1978	26,67	44,46	5878	:	409	:	3,00	-
		1979	27,70	:	6700	:	446	:	3,30	-
3	Metal manufacture; mechanical, electrical and instrument engineering	1975	:	:	4037	:	382	321	:	54,55
		1978	22,89	38,96	5548	25,46	417	:	2,63	:
		1979	24,20	:	:	:			2,94	:
31	Manufacture of metal articles	1975	17,13	23,06	3376	18,79	266	208	1,60	38,75
		1978	20,61	34,58	5358	22,33	361	280	2,44	53,00
		1979	21,74	39,60	6240	:	394	303	2,80	58,40
32	Mechanical engineering	1975	18,82	25,77	3567	19,55	283	259	1,71	42,26
		1978	22,56	38,54	5581	23,76	380	359	2,66	55,60
		1979	24,00	43,90	6540	:	414	386	3,00	60,30 ¹⁾

1) estimate based on data comprising NACE 32 + 33

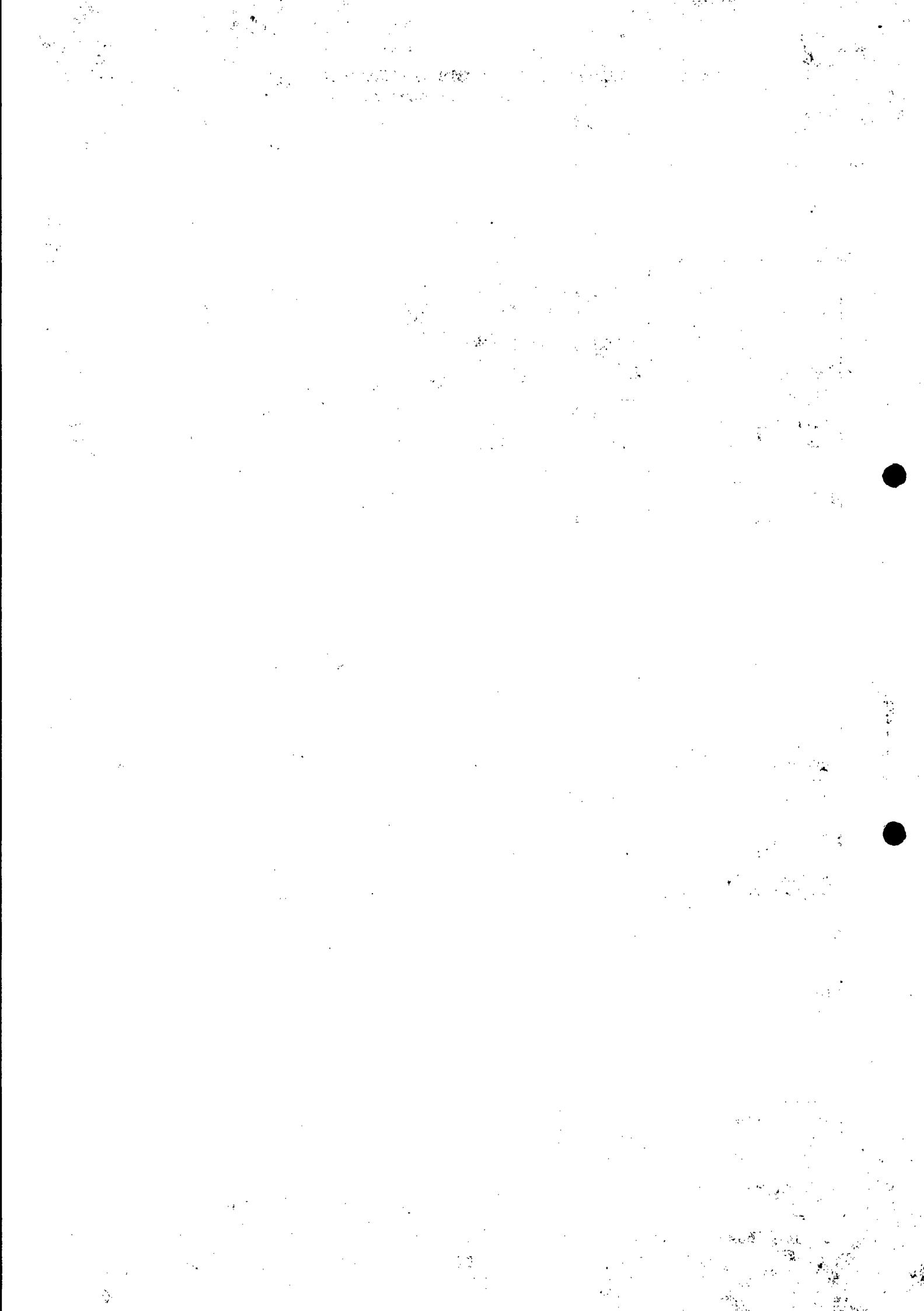


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			DM	FF	LIT	HFL	BFR	LFR	UKL	DKR
33	Manufacture of office machinery and data processing machinery	1975	23,84	43,83	4318	23,24	237	-	2,06	38,90
		1978	32,86	67,77	6459	29,71	306	:	3,67	48,50
		1979	35,40	76,90	7070	:	:	:	4,20	:
34	Electrical engineering	1975	18,24	25,31	3589	22,91	285	216	1,59	40,45
		1978	22,51	37,79	5419	28,83	401	312	2,48	53,12
		1979	23,90	43,30	6320	:	436	340	2,80	61,00
35	Manufacture of motor vehicles and of motor vehicle parts and accessories	1975	21,04	26,37	3739	20,40	300	198	1,92	38,49
		1978	26,09	40,37	5722	24,47	379	265	2,78	54,30
		1979	27,60	45,60	6650	:	416	297	3,20	55,70
36	Manufacture of other means of transport	1975	19,41	29,22	3749	20,05	311	-	1,94	44,36
		1978	24,08	45,48	5787	25,55	394	-	2,84	56,80
		1979	25,70	51,80	6740	:	419	-	2,90	65,50
37	Instrument engineering	1975	16,39	23,47	3282	19,52	265	-	1,56	39,64
		1978	19,45	34,48	5171	23,67	359	257	2,42	55,52
		1979	20,50	39,20	6110	:	388	:	2,70	57,90
41/42	Food, drink and tobacco industry	1975	15,06	22,53	3590	18,94	248	189	1,49	42,43
		1978	18,95	34,44	5572	23,79	346	278	2,30	56,53
		1979	19,90	39,80	6390	25,70	369	293	2,60	62,90
43	Textile industry	1975	13,73	19,08	2851	17,30	214	:	1,30	33,86
		1978	16,18	28,40	4531	21,77	280	:	1,95	48,82
		1979	17,00	32,00	5380	:	300	:	2,20	51,60

1) included in NACE 32

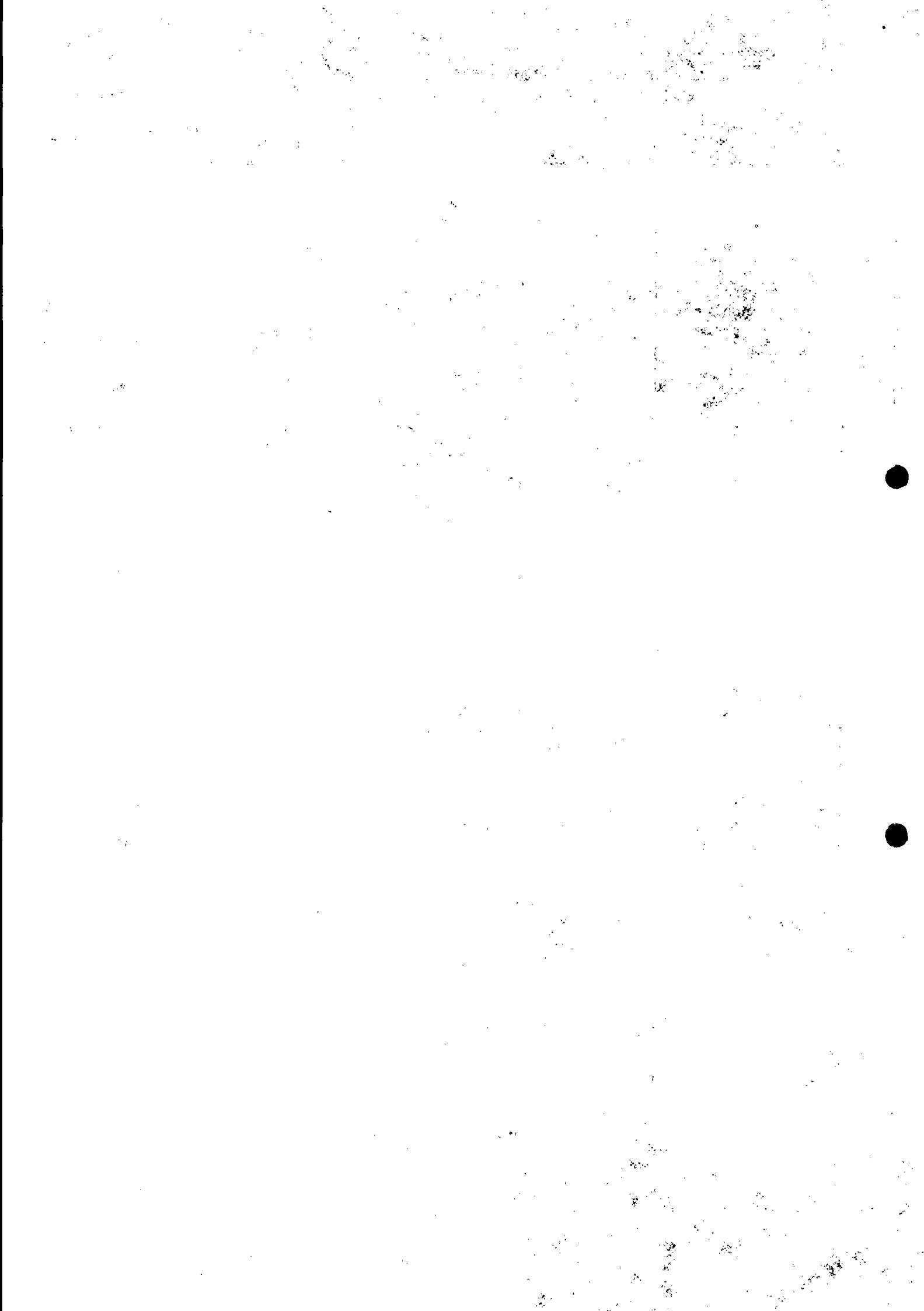


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	N A C E		D	F	I	NL	B	L	UK	DK
			DM	FF	LIT	HFL	BFR	LFR	UKL	DKR
44	Leather and leather goods industry	1975	12,15	17,72	2693	16,24	192	-	1,25	32,71
		1978	14,65	25,88	4502	20,48	284	-	1,87	45,58
		1979	15,50	29,60	5220	:	312	-	2,20	49,80
45	Manufacture of clothing and footwear	1975	12,19	16,45	2424	13,89	170	120	1,10	30,11
		1978	13,90	23,86	3905	16,93	228	156	1,64	44,36
		1979	14,60	27,10	4580	:	246	163	1,90	45,10
46	Timber and wooden furniture industries	1975	14,89	18,46	2661	16,47	221	175	1,50	34,04
		1978	18,63	27,16	4411	20,78	301	216	2,24	46,89
		1979	19,80	30,90	5160	:	320	233	2,50	51,50
47	Manufacture of paper and paper products, printing and publishing	1975	16,69	29,17	4092	20,73	278	:	1,81	47,02
		1978	21,00	40,13	6250	25,44	372	306	2,67	67,26
		1979	22,10	46,40	7240	:	398	326	3,00	75,80
48	Processing of rubber and plastics	1975	15,94	23,42	3702	18,55	259	273	1,54	37,77
		1978	19,01	34,48	5587	23,78	345	366	2,40	51,97
		1979	20,10	39,90	6420	:	370	392	2,70	59,10
49	Other manufacturing industries	1975	14,78	20,01	2846	16,83	191	:	1,33	36,81
		1978	16,54	31,12	4542	20,78	226	:	2,04	51,08
		1979	17,50	35,40	5360	:	245	:	2,30	53,90
50	Building and civil engineering	1975	16,67	20,92	2876	19,98	275	188	1,66	:
		1978	20,10	34,01	5470	23,72	360	234	2,35	57,85
		1979	21,50	38,70	6360	26,00	390	254	2,60	:

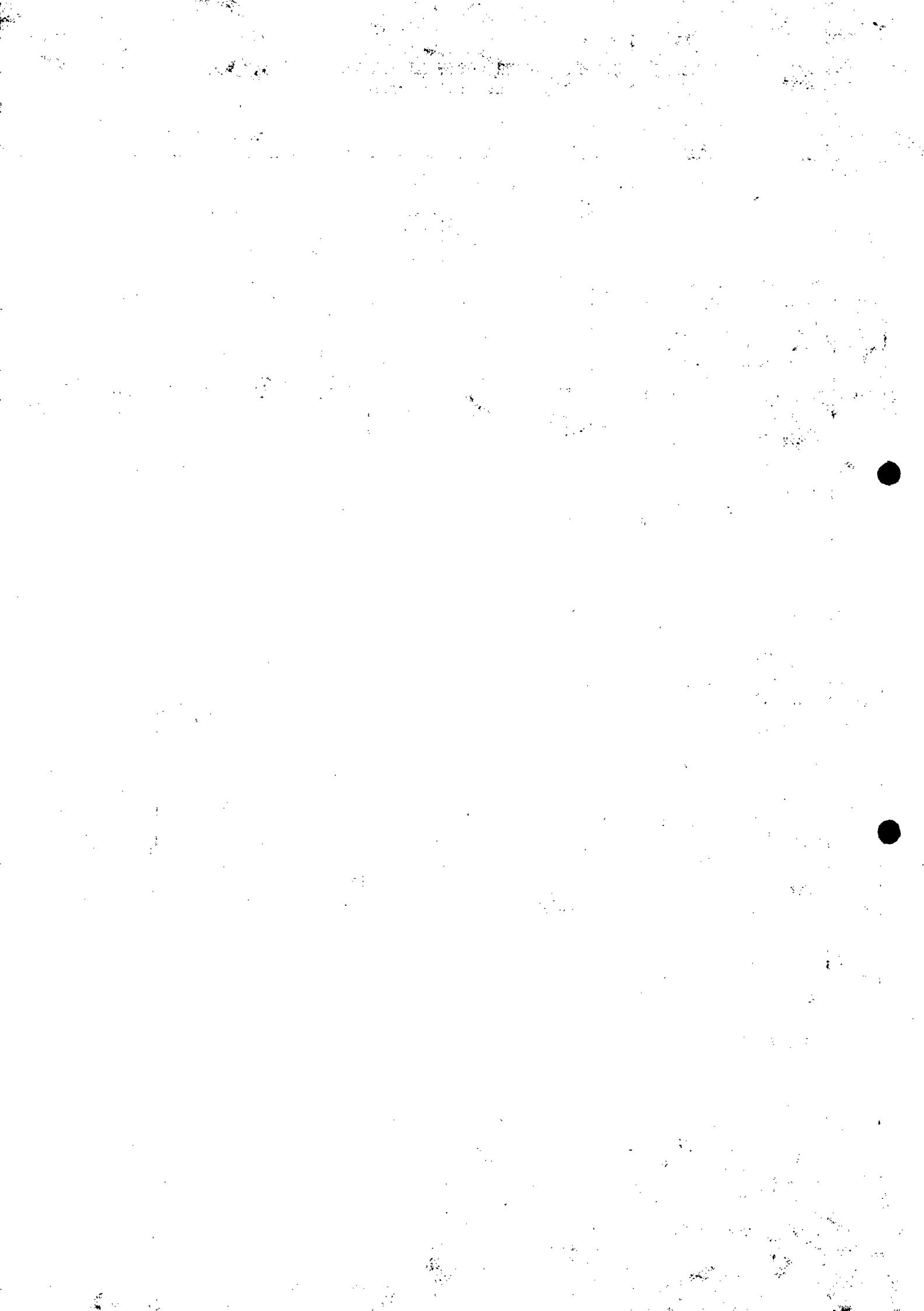


Table 4 - HOURLY LABOUR COSTS IN INDUSTRY, 1975 - 1979
in ECU

Manual + non manual workers

	N A C E		D	F	I	NL	B	L	UK	DK
1 to 5 (ex- cept 16+ 17)	All industries (except elec- tricity, gas steam and water)	1975	5,76	4,59	4,20	6,45	5,96	5,61	3,02	5,67
		1978	8,49	6,44	5,01	9,03	9,31	8,51	3,81	7,86
		1979	9,20	7,20	5,50	9,70	10,10	9,00	:	:
11, 13, 21, 23	Mining and quarrying	1975	7,43	6,31	5,41	8,55	7,41	6,68	4,45	5,25
		1978	10,68	8,51	5,45	11,48	11,11	8,54	5,47	7,17
		1979	11,80	9,50	6,00	:	11,90	8,80	:	:
12, 14, 15, 22, 24 to 26, 3, 4	Manufacturing industries	1975	5,75	4,69	4,26	6,46	5,89	5,93	2,95	5,74
		1978	8,51	6,51	5,00	9,16	9,34	9,16	3,78	7,87
		1979	9,20	7,30	5,50	9,80	10,10	9,50	4,40	8,50
11	Extraction and briquetting of solid fuels	1975	8,11 ¹⁾	6,46	6,45	-	8,21	-	4,70	-
		1978	11,22 ¹⁾	8,17	6,46	-	11,68	-	5,80	-
		1979	12,50 ¹⁾	:	7,00	-	12,50	-	:	-
12	Coke ovens	1975	:	:	5,79	-	6,69	-	4,09	-
		1978	:	:	6,40	-	10,78	-	4,80	-
		1979	:	:	7,10	-	11,70	-	:	-
13	Extraction of petroleum and natural gas	1975	7,56	10,07	6,45	9,51	-	-	:	-
		1978	:	15,74	8,05	11,97	-	-	8,31	-
		1979	:	17,40	8,80	:	-	-	:	-
14	Mineral oil refining	1975	8,36	8,43	6,58	9,07	10,61	-	4,77	6,69
		1978	14,78	11,51	6,89	13,37	16,87	-	5,84	8,60
		1979	15,90	12,70	7,60	:	19,20	-	6,70	9,60
21	Extraction and preparation of metalliferous ores	1975	6,93	7,14	5,66	-	-	7,40	:	-
		1978	:	10,01	5,26	-	-	10,48	4,71	-
		1979	:	11,00	5,90	-	-	10,60	:	-

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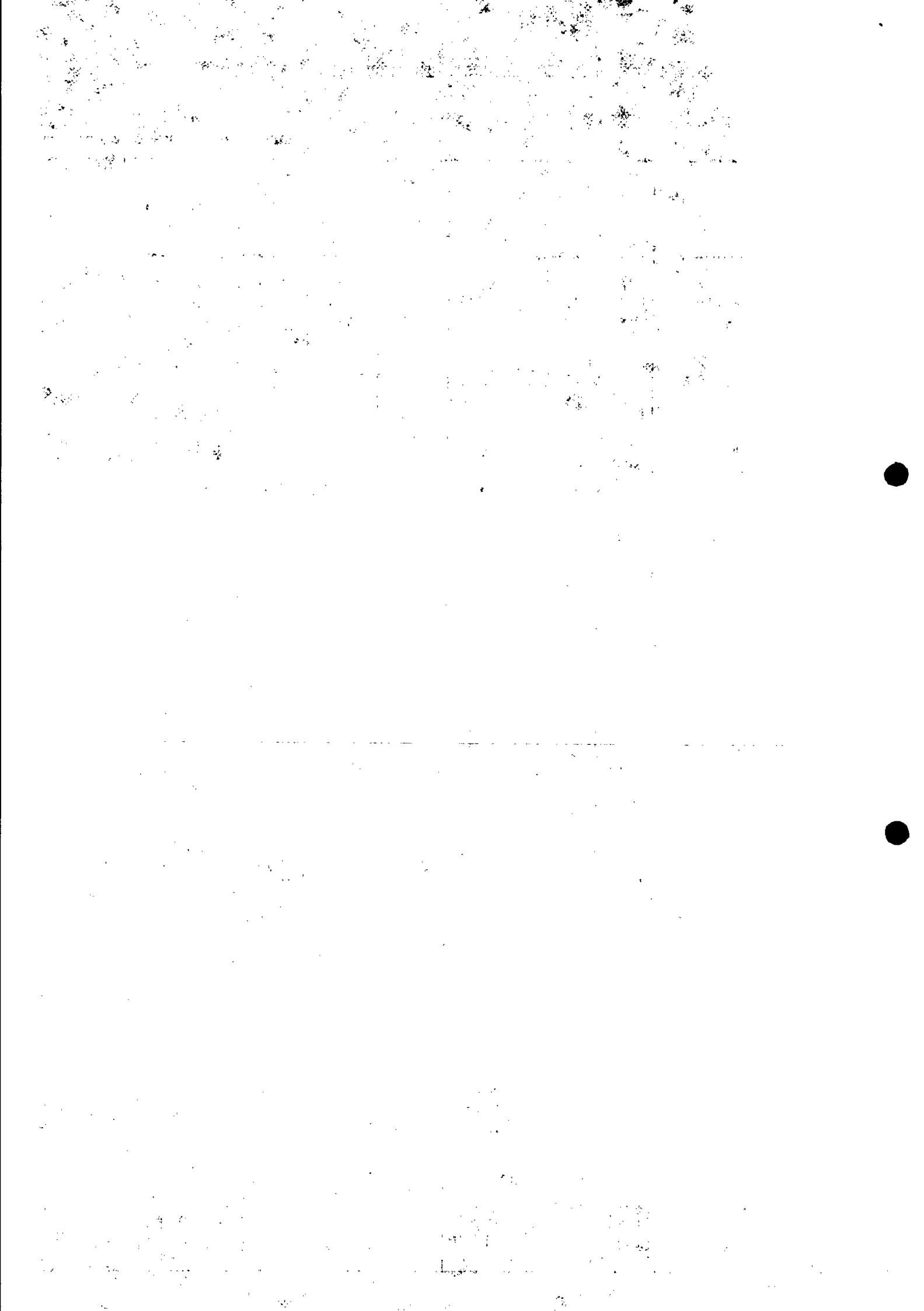


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Manual + non manual workers

N A C E			D	F	I	NL	B	L	UK	DK
22	Production and preliminary processing of metals	1975	6,50	5,51	4,96	7,68	7,38	6,74	3,52	6,27
		1978	9,55	7,61	5,76	10,99	11,83	10,38	4,38	8,21
		1979	10,40	8,40	6,30	:	13,00	10,90	5,00	8,80
23	Extraction of minerals other than metalliferous	1975	5,04	4,95	5,01	7,20	6,12	4,49	:	5,25
		1978	8,13	6,98	5,27	10,44	9,21	6,04	3,52	7,17
		1979	8,80	7,90	5,80	:	9,80	7,00	:	7,90
24	Manufacture of non-metallic mineral products	1975	5,38	4,46	3,84	6,10	5,82	4,52	2,84	5,71
		1978	8,02	6,29	4,66	8,63	9,49	6,71	3,72	7,71
		1979	8,70	7,10	5,10	:	10,20	7,30	4,30	8,50
25	Chemical industry	1975	6,81	6,15	5,15	7,86	7,26	4,66	3,52	6,49
		1978	10,69	8,44	5,96	10,98	11,73	6,96	4,47	8,87
		1979	11,40	9,60	6,80	:	12,60	7,50	5,10	9,50
32 + 33	Man-made fibres industry	1975	6,42	6,30	4,99	:	7,06	5,98	3,61	-
		1978	10,43	7,75	5,44	:	10,21	:	4,52	-
		1979	11,00	:	5,90	:	11,10	:	5,10	-
3	Metal manufacture; mechanical, chemical and instrument engineering	1975	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
		1978	8,96	6,79	5,14	9,24	9,54	8,01	3,96	7,77
		1979	9,70	:	:	:	10,40	:	4,60	:
31	Manufacture of metal articles	1975	5,62	4,34	4,17	5,99	5,83	4,57	2,86	5,44
		1978	8,06	6,02	4,96	8,11	9,01	5,99	3,68	7,55
		1979	8,70	6,80	5,50	:	9,80	7,60	4,30	8,10
32	Mechanical engineering	1975	5,17	4,84	4,41	6,24	6,21	5,68	3,05	5,93
		1976	8,83	6,71	5,17	8,63	9,49	8,96	4,01	7,92 ¹⁾
		1979	9,60	7,50	5,70	:	10,30	9,60	4,60	8,40
33	Manufacture of office machinery and data processing machinery	1975	7,82	8,24	5,33	7,41	5,20	-	3,68	5,46
		1976	12,86	11,81	5,98	10,79	7,64	-	5,53	6,91
		1979	14,10	13,20	6,20	:	:	-	6,50	:

1) estimates based on data comprising NACE 32 + 33

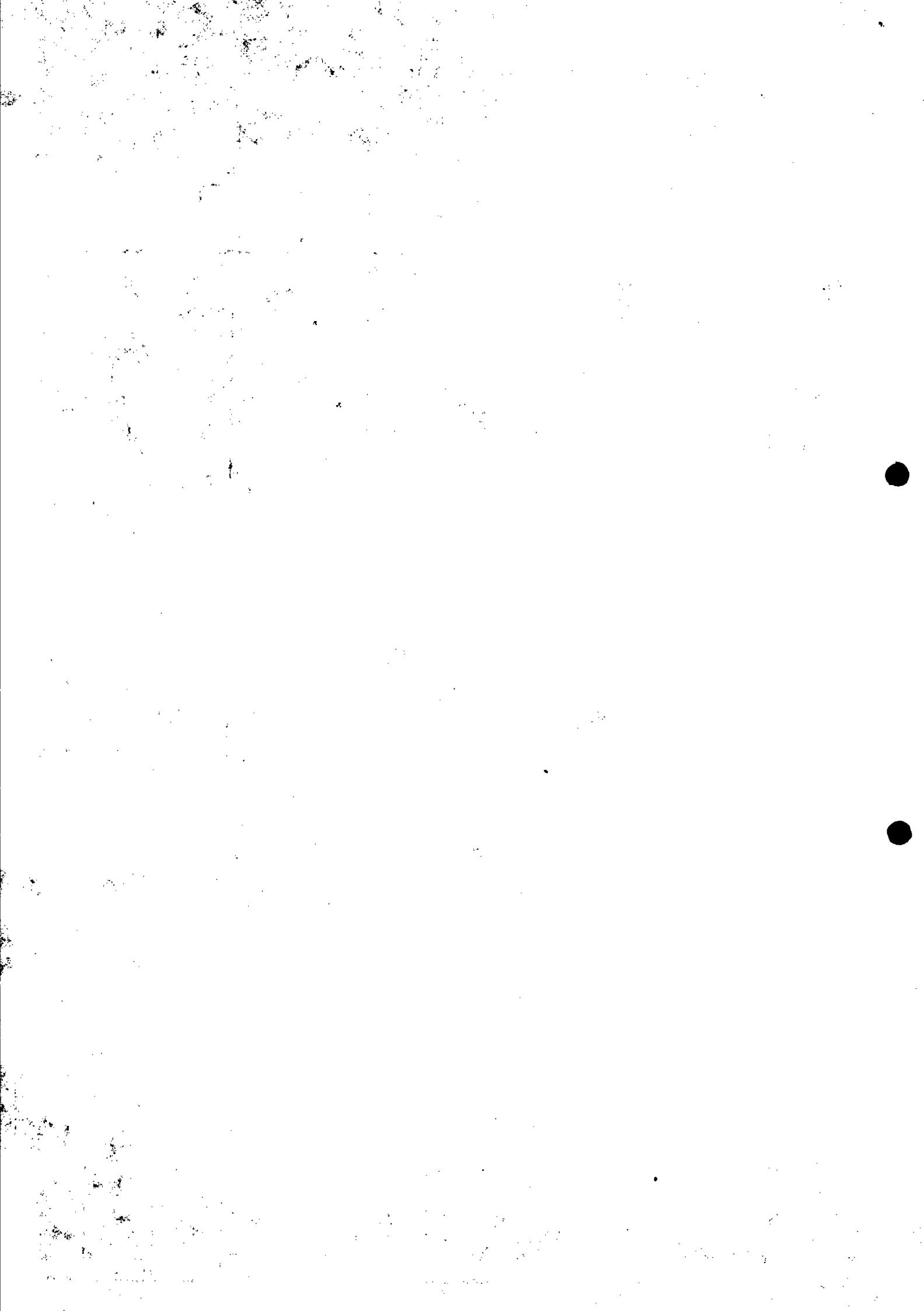


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in ECU

Manual + non manual workers

	N A C E		D	F	I	NL	B	L	UK	DK
34	Electrical engineering	1975	5,98	4,76	4,43	7,31	6,26	4,74	2,84	5,68
		1978	8,81	6,58	5,02	10,47	10,01	7,79	3,74	7,57
		1979	9,50	7,40	5,50	:	10,90	8,50	4,40	8,50
35	Manufacture of motor vehicles and of motor vehicle parts and accessories	1975	6,90	4,96	4,62	6,51	6,58	4,36	3,43	5,40
		1978	10,21	7,03	5,30	8,88	9,46	6,61	4,19	7,74
		1979	11,00	7,80	5,80	:	10,40	7,40	4,90	7,70
36	Manufacture of other means of transport	1975	6,37	5,49	4,63	6,40	6,83	-	3,46	6,23
		1978	9,42	7,92	5,36	9,28	9,83	-	4,28	8,09
		1979	10,20	8,90	5,90	:	10,40	-	4,50	9,10
37	Instrument engineering	1975	5,37	4,41	4,05	6,23	5,82	-	2,79	5,57
		1978	7,61	6,01	4,79	8,59	8,96	6,42	3,65	7,91
		1979	8,10	6,70	5,40	:	9,70	:	4,20	8,00
41/42	Food, drink and tobacco industry	1975	4,94	4,24	4,43	6,04	5,43	4,14	2,66	5,96
		1978	7,41	6,00	5,16	8,64	8,64	6,94	3,46	8,05
		1979	7,90	6,80	5,60	9,30	9,20	7,30	4,00	8,70
43	Textile industry	1975	4,50	3,59	3,52	5,52	4,69	:	2,32	4,75
		1978	6,33	4,95	4,19	7,90	6,99	:	2,94	6,95
		1979	6,80	5,50	4,70	:	7,50	:	3,40	7,20
44	Leather and leather goods industry	1975	3,98	3,33	3,33	5,18	4,22	-	2,23	4,59
		1978	5,73	4,51	4,17	7,41	7,09	-	2,82	6,49
		1979	6,20	5,10	4,60	:	7,80	-	3,40	6,90
45	Manufacture of clothing and footwear	1975	4,00	3,09	2,99	4,43	3,73	2,63	1,96	4,23
		1978	5,44	4,16	3,62	6,15	5,69	3,89	2,47	6,32
		1979	5,80	4,70	4,00	:	6,10	4,10	3,00	6,30

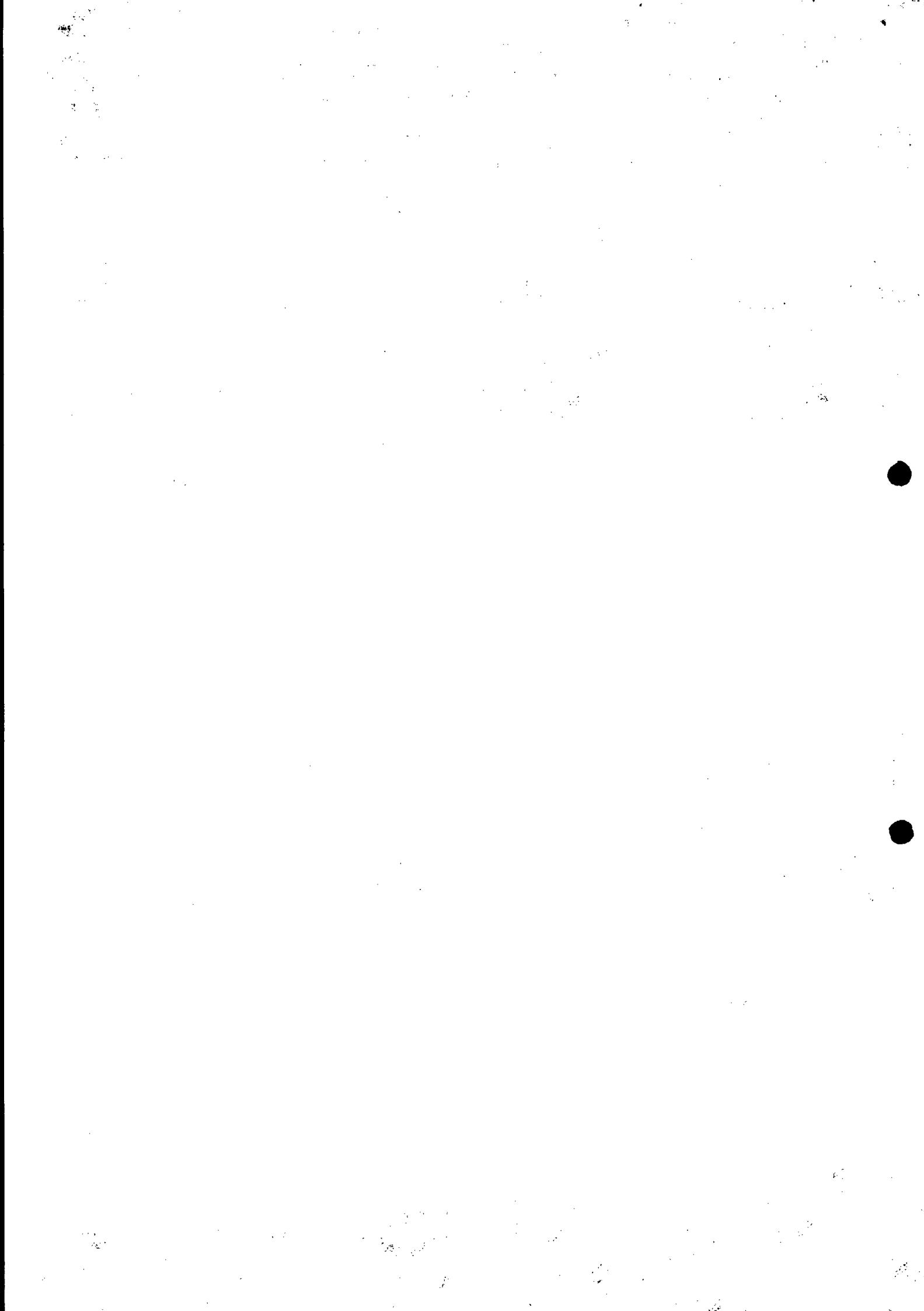


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	N A C E		D	F	I	NL	B	L	UK	DK
46	Timber and wooden furniture industries	1975	4,88	3,47	3,29	5,25	4,85	3,83	2,68	4,78
		1978	7,29	4,73	4,08	7,55	7,51	5,39	3,37	6,68
		1979	7,90	5,30	4,50	:	8,00	5,80	3,90	7,20
47	Manufacture of paper and paper products, printing and publishing	1975	5,47	5,48	5,05	6,61	6,10	:	3,23	6,60
		1978	8,22	6,99	5,79	9,24	9,29	7,64	4,02	9,58
		1979	8,80	8,00	6,40	:	9,90	8,10	4,70	10,50
48	Processing of rubber and plastics	1975	5,23	4,40	4,57	5,92	5,69	5,98	2,75	5,30
		1978	7,44	6,01	5,17	8,63	8,61	9,14	3,61	7,40
		1979	8,00	6,90	5,60	:	9,20	9,80	4,10	8,20
49	Other manufacturing industries	1975	4,85	3,76	3,52	5,37	4,19	:	2,37	5,17
		1978	6,47	5,42	4,20	7,55	5,64	:	3,07	7,28
		1979	7,00	6,10	4,70	:	6,10	:	3,50	7,50
50	Building and civil engineering	1975	5,47	3,93	3,55	6,37	6,04	4,13	2,96	:
		1978	7,86	5,93	5,06	8,61	8,99	5,84	3,54	8,24
		1979	8,60	6,60	5,60	9,50	9,70	6,30	4,00	:

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