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THE HIGH AUTHORITY

DECISIONS

DECISION No. 23/56, of May 30, 1956, amending the annex to Decision No. 22/55, concerning the establishment of price-schedules by enterprises in the Belgian coalfields.

THE HIGH AUTHORITY,

HAVING regard to Section 26, 2, *a*, of the Convention ;

HAVING regard to Decision No. 22/55, of May 28, 1955 (*Official Gazette of the Community, May 31, 1955, p. 182*), concerning the establishment of price-schedules by enterprises in the Belgian coalfields ;

WHEREAS since the last decision concerning the selling prices of Belgian coal (Decision No. 22/55, of May 28, 1955) unforeseeable increases have taken place in the production costs of the Belgian collieries ;

WHEREAS similar increases in production costs have also taken place in the other coalfields of the Community and the selling prices of those coalfields have been increased accordingly ;

WHEREAS in these circumstances an increase in Belgian coal prices is justified, and does not jeopardize the objectives set forth in Section 26 of the Convention ;

DECIDES :

Article 1

The annex to Decision No. 22/55 shall be superseded by the annex hereto appended.

Article 2

This decision shall come into force within the Community on June 8, 1956.

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the High Authority at its session on May 30, 1956.

For the High Authority,

RENÉ MAYER,
President.

ANNEX TO DECISION No. 23/56

PITHEAD PRICES OF BELGIAN COAL

(in Belgian francs)

Grades	Ash content %	Water content %	Gras		¾ gras	½ gras	¼ gras	maigres
			B	A				
Volatile matter in % ⁽¹⁾			>28½	20-28½	16-20	12½-16	10-12½	<10
(sizes in mm.)								
Schlamms	20	20	375	375	375	375	370	370
Poussiers bruts								
0/2	20	3	560	560	560	560	555	555
0/5	20	3	580	580	580	580	575	575
Mixtes	20	7	550	550	550	550	540	540
Fines lavées								
0/5-0/6	10	7	—	—	—	680	670	670
2/5-2/6	10	7	—	—	—	700	690	690
4/6	10	7	—	—	—	—	760	760
0/10	10	7	700	720	715	700	690	690
Classés								
Grains								
5/10-6/12	8	6	760	760	760	815	815	815
Braisettes								
10/18-10/20	6 à 9	6	770	780	810	975	—	—
12/22	6 à 8	5	—	—	—	1,053	—	—
18/30-20/30	6 à 8	5	793	813	993	—	—	—
Têtes de moineaux								
30/50	5 à 8	5	813	833	1,033	—	—	—
Caillétins								
50/80	5 à 8	5	813	833	933	—	—	—
80/120	5 à 8	5	773	793	—	—	—	—
Criblés								
>80 mm.	4 à 7	3	773	793	883	—	—	—

⁽¹⁾ For guidance.*Mixtes*

By “*mixtes*” shall be understood coal, other than *poussiers* and *schlamms*, having an ash content of more than 20% and less than 40%.

Corrections for ash and water content

Where the ash content is above or below the figures shown in the schedule, the prices shall be decreased or increased as follows :

fines lavées

2.5% of the price for each % of ash above or below 10% ;

grains 5/10 and 6/12 mm.

2.5% of the price for each % of ash above or below 8% ;

poussiers, mixtes and schlamms

<30% ash: 2% of the price for each % of ash ;

from 30 to <40% ash: 2.5% of the price for each % of ash.

The reduction for products containing 30-40% ash shall be equal to the sum of the reductions for each component, and shall be allowed on the basis price.

Where the water content is above or below the figures shown in the schedule, the prices shall be decreased or increased at the rate of 1% of the basis price for each % of water. Excess water may, however, be offset by a corresponding reduction in the invoiced weight, or made up by "extra weight" in coal.

INFORMATION

Letter addressed by the High Authority on June 4, 1956, to the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium concerning the raising of Belgian coal prices

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,

In reply to your letter CA/A/R.L. 36 442 of May 23, 1956, I have the honour to inform you that in response to a request from the Belgian coal producers the High Authority at its last session, on May 30 of this year, decided to raise the selling prices of Belgian coal by an average of Bfr. 24.— per saleable ton, where these prices are still covered by the special provisions laid down in Sections 25 and 26 of the Convention containing the Transitional Provisions. The text of this decision is annexed. Before the matter was decided, the relevant departments of the High Authority, as you know, instituted inquiries, in co-operation with a representative of your Government, into the level of costs and prices in the Belgian coalmining industry.

This price increase is intended to offset the unforeseeable additional burdens which have fallen upon the Belgian coalmining industry since the last decision on prices. Since the exact scale of these burdens is not yet known, the High Authority is prepared to continue in greater detail, jointly with your Government, the investigations undertaken by its departments.

When these have been completed, it will confer further with you, in order, *inter alia*, to clarify the points raised at the end of your letter.

I have, &c.

THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

INFORMATION

ORDINARY SESSION, 1955-56

(Part Two)

AGENDA OF THE PUBLIC SITTING,

Monday, June 18, 1956,

at 3 p.m.,

at Europe House, Strasbourg

Establishment of the Agenda

In preparation for Part Two of the Ordinary Session, to open on Monday, June 18, 1956, the Committees of the Common Assembly have adopted, or are to adopt, a series of Reports, which may be subdivided according to subject into five groups, viz.

I

The *Common Market Committee*, the *Committee on Investments, Financial Questions and Production Development* and the *Transport Committee* have drawn up the following Reports :

- (1) Report on Chapters Three and Five of the Fourth General Report on the Activities of the Community (April 11, 1955-April 8, 1956). "General Development of the Common Market" and "Operation of the Common Market and Improvement in Conditions of Competition."
Rapporteur, M. WOLFGANG POHLE.
- (2) Report on Chapter Four of the Fourth General Report, "Application of the Transitional Provisions."
Rapporteur, M. MARTIN BLANK.
- (3) Report on co-operation between the High Authority and the Governments, as described in the Fourth General Report.
Rapporteur, M. WILMAR SABASS.
- (4) Preliminary Report on the general objectives and coal policy.
Rapporteur, M. FRANÇOIS DE MENTHON.

- (5) Report on the financial and investment policy of the Community (Chapter Six, Sections 2 and 3, and Annex on Finance, Fourth General Report).

Rapporteur, M. FRANÇOIS DE MENTHON.

- (6) Report on transport problems in the Community, with particular reference to Nos. 154-156 of the Fourth General Report.

Rapporteur, M. PAUL J. KAPTEYN.

II

The *Social Affairs Committee* and the *Sub-Committee on Social Affairs and Investments* have drawn up the following Reports :

- (1) Report on Chapter Seven of the Fourth General Report.

Rapporteur, M. EMILE VANRULLEN.

- (2) Report on problems in connexion with the readaptation of workers in the industries of the Community.

Rapporteur, M. ALFRED BERTRAND.

- (3) Report on possible ways in which the High Authority may grant financial assistance for the building of workers' houses.

Rapporteur, M. WILLI BIRKELBACH.

III

The *Committee on Political Affairs and the External Relations of the Community* has drawn up the following Report :

- Report on Chapter Two of the Fourth General Report.

Rapporteur, M. PAUL STRUYE.

The *Working Party* (Sub-Committee on Institutional Questions) has drawn up the following Report :

- Report on some institutional aspects of the development of European integration.

Rapporteur, M. Gilles GOZARD.

IV

The *Committee on the Budgeting and Administration of the Community and the Common Assembly* has drawn up the following Reports :

- (1) Report on the Third Auditors' Report, for the financial year ending June 30, 1955.

Rapporteur, M. GERHARD KREYSSIG.

- (2) Report on the General Budget Estimates for the administrative expenditure of the Community, and the Budget Estimates of the High Authority, the Council and the Court, for the financial year 1956-57.

Rapporteur, M. JEAN CHARLOT.

(3) Report on the accounts of the four Institutions of the Community for the third financial year ending June 30, 1955, and on the half-yearly reports by the four Institutions of the Community on the position as regards their administrative expenditure during the first six months of the financial year 1955-56, ending December 31, 1955.
Rapporteur, M. MARTIN BLANK.

V

The Committee of Presidents and the Assembly will subsequently, in the course of the Session, adopt the

Annual Report on the Activities of the Common Assembly (financial year 1955-56), laid before the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Rapporteur, M. PAUL STRUYE.

Luxembourg, June 1, 1956

BUDGET ESTIMATES
OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF
THE COMMUNITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1955-56
(in Belgian francs)

DECISION No. 22/56 of the Committee of Presidents set up under Article 78, 3 of the Treaty, authorizing transfers in the Budget Estimates of the administrative expenditure of the Common Assembly and the Court of Justice

THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FOUR INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY,

HAVING regard to Article 78, 3 of the Treaty.

DECIDE :

(1) to authorize the Common Assembly to make the following transfers in the Budget Estimates of its administrative expenditure for the fourth financial year ending June 30, 1956 :

(a) Trsf. from HEAD I: Salaries, Allowances and Social Charges

Sub-head 11: Staff 2,500,000
to HEAD II: Operation of Services

Sub-head 23: Expenditure on publications and information 2,500,000

(b) Trsf. from HEAD II : Operation of Services

Sub-head 22: Miscellaneous expenditure on operation of
services 1,000,000

to HEAD I: Salaries, Allowances and Social Charges

Sub-head 12: Overtime pay and temporary staff 1,000,000

(2) to authorize the Court of Justice to make the following transfer in the Budget Estimates of its administrative expenditure for the fourth financial year ending June 30, 1956 :

Under HEAD II: Operation of Services

Trsf. from Sub-head 22 : Miscellaneous expenditure on opera-
tion of services ... 100,000

to Sub-head 21 : Purchases of furniture and equipment 100,000

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the Committee at Luxembourg on May 12, 1956.

The Chairman of the Committee,

MASSIMO PILOTTI,

President of the Court of Justice.

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