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#### THE HIGH AUTHORITY

#### DECISIONS

DECISION No. 9-56, of February 29, 1956, fixing the compensation price of imported scrap for November and December 1955 and January 1956

#### THE HIGH AUTHORITY,

HAVING regard to Decision 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), and in particular to Article 9, second paragraph, thereof;

HAVING regard to the letter of December 16, 1955, in which the Joint Office of Scrap Consumers requested the High Authority to take a decision under Article 9, second paragraph, concerning the fixing of the compensation price payable for November and December 1955 and January 1956;

WHEREAS failing a unanimous pronouncement by the board of the Joint Office of Scrap Consumers the decision is taken by the High Authority;

WHEREAS it is necessary that the burden of compensation be kept at the lowest level compatible with the objective of the Compensation Office for Imported Scrap, and that the balance of prices in the Common Market be maintained within reasonable limits;

WHEREAS the compensation price for November and December 1955 and January 1956 must be fixed in accordance with an accurate assessment of conditions prevailing in the Common Market for scrap during the months concerned;

#### **DECIDES:**

#### Single Article

For November and December 1955 and January 1956, the compensation price for imported scrap delivered by boat at the ports of arrival shall be based on the weighted average delivered price, exclusive of tax, paid in Italy during each of the months concerned, less

- (a) 5.50 European Payments Union units of account for Italy;
- (b) 7.50 European Payments Union units of account for the other areas of the Community.

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the High Authority at its session on February 29, 1956.

For the High Authority,

RENÉ MAYER,

President.

#### INFORMATION

Letter addressed by the High Authority on March 1, 1956, to the Government of the French Republic, concerning the maintenance of subsidies on fines for briquetting-works not owned by mines

#### MONSIEUR LE PRÉSIDENT,

In your letter No. CA/49, of January 12, 1956, you drew the High Authority's attention to the fact that the briquetting-works not owned by mines were having both to pay higher prices for imported British coal and to import additional tonnages of American fines. You requested the High Authority to reconsider the ceiling figure fixed for the subsidy in Decision No. 19–55, of May 5, 1955.

It is evidently necessary to recall that, since subsidies are expressly barred under Article 4, c of the Treaty, they must be completely done away with by the end of the transition period. To this end, the High Authority has been pursuing a policy of gradual reduction, in order to avoid any repercussions resulting from abrupt total abolition.

It had intended to continue this policy during the new coal year. At the same time, it wishes to make allowance for the circumstances mentioned by the French Government, and in particular for the possible effect on social affairs in France of an unnecessarily sudden increase in the prices of ovoids. For this reason, it has decided, in conformity with the provisions of Section 11 of the Convention containing the Transitional Provisions, to authorize the French Government to maintain the subsidies on fines for briquetting-works not owned by mines, on the understanding that the total amount shall not exceed the figure laid down in the decision mentioned above. Accordingly, the High Authority has decided to maintain the maximum total subsidy, which was fixed at Ffr. 1,800,000,000 for the coal year 1955–56, at the same level for the coal year 1956–57.

In thus agreeing to the maintenance of the subsidies, the High Authority would urge the French Government to do everything in its power to lower the amount.

The High Authority would request the French Government to continue notifying it every three months of the amounts paid.

The High Authority reserves the right to review the above arrangements should any important change supervene in the general conditions of competition in the Common Market.

I have, &c.

#### THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

#### INFORMATION

#### SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1955-56

Public Sitting, Tuesday, March 13, 1956, at 3 p.m., in the Senate of Belgium, BRUSSELS

#### **AGENDA**

The President, M. Pella, will ask the Committee of Presidents, which is to meet in the morning of Tuesday, March 13, to include on the agenda the following items:

- (a) debate on a Report by M. Van der Goes van Naters, submitted to the Assembly with the agreement of the Working Party, on the development of the economic integration of Europe;
- (b) debate on a Report by M. P. Wigny, submitted to the Assembly with the agreement of the Working Party, on the European energy problem;
- (c) debate on a Report by M. N. Margue, on behalf of the Committee on the Budgeting and Administration of the Community and the Common Assembly, on the draft Budget Estimates of the administrative expenditure of the Common Assembly for the financial year 1956-57.

It is further expected that M. Gillon, the President of the Belgian Senate, will make a speech of welcome before the opening of the first Sitting.

M. P. H. Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, as President of the Intergovernmental Committee set up by the Messina Conference, has been asked by the President to give the Assembly a general introductory account of the position.

Luxembourg, February 18, 1956.

### BUDGET ESTIMATES

of the

# ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

for the

#### FINANCIAL YEAR 1955-1956

(in Belgian francs)

DECISION No. 17-56 of the Committee of Presidents set up under Article 78,3 of the Treaty, fixing the Supplementary Budget Estimates of the administrative expenditure of the High Authority for the fourth financial year, ending June 30, 1956

The Presidents of the four Institutions of the Community.

HAVING regard to Article 78,5 and 3 of the Treaty.

#### DECIDE:

to fix the sum of the Supplementary Budget Estimates of the administrative expenditure of the High Authority for the fourth financial year, ending June 30, 1956, at Bfr. 19,850,000, allocated as follows:

Bfr. 11,400,000 ... to ordinary expenditure

Bfr. 8,450,000 ... to extraordinary expenditure.

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the Committee at Luxembourg on January 28, 1956.

The Chairman of the Committee,

Massimo PILOTTI,

President of the Court of Justice.



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