

EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY

HIGH AUTHORITY

DELEGATION IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM
23 Chesham Street
LONDON S. W. 1
Tel SLOane 0456 & 0457

INFORMATION SERVICE

LUXEMBOURG
Tel· 29241 ext. 447 & 448

INFORMATION OFFICE
IN THE U S A
220 Southern Building
WASHINGTON 5 D. C.
Tel: NAtional 8. 7067

PRESS RELEASE

COMMUNITY COAL AND STEEL OUTPUT - APRIL 1960

Luxembourg, May 11: Output of crude steel (ingots and castings) in the European Coal and Steel Community in April, at 5,837,000 metric tons, was below the record level of 6,393,000 tons reached in March, but substantially higher than the 5,310,000 tons produced in April 1959. April had a smaller number of working days than March owing to the shorter month and the incidence of the Easter holidays. The April total brought Community steel output for the first four months of the year to 24,038,000 metric tons -23.4% more than the 19,487,000 tons produced in the corresponding period of 1959.

Output of pig-iron and ferro-alloys in April reached 4,363,000 metric tons, compared with 4,685,000 in March 1960 and 3,790,000 in April last year.

Community coal output in April fell sharply, by nearly 2 million tons, to 19,041,000 metric tons. It compared with 21,002,000 in March and 20,704,000 in April 1959. For the first four months of the year, coal output reached 79,912,000 tons against 80,981,000 in the corresponding period of 1959 (- 1.32%). The fall in output in April was particularly marked in Germany and France.

The breakdown of output by Community countries was as follows
(in thousands of metric tons):

	April 1960	March 1960	April 1959
<u>STEEL (ingots and castings)</u>			
Germany	2,658	2,982	2,469
Belgium	590	663	541
France	1,427	1,512	1,307
Italy	665	710	546
Luxembourg	338	359	310
Netherlands	159	167	137
COMMUNITY TOTAL	5,837	6,393	5,310
<u>PIG-IRON and FERRO-ALLOYS</u>			
Germany	2,066	2,232	1,712
Belgium	522	584	489
France	1,135	1,238	1,048
Italy	222	199	168
Luxembourg	312	322	284
Netherlands	106	110	89
COMMUNITY TOTAL	4,363	4,685	3,790
<u>COAL</u>			
Germany	11,406	12,779	12,329
Belgium	1,914	2,048	2,057
France	4,663	5,049	5,242
Italy	65*)	67	65
Netherlands	993	1,059	1,011
COMMUNITY TOTAL	19,041	21,002	20,704

*) Estimate