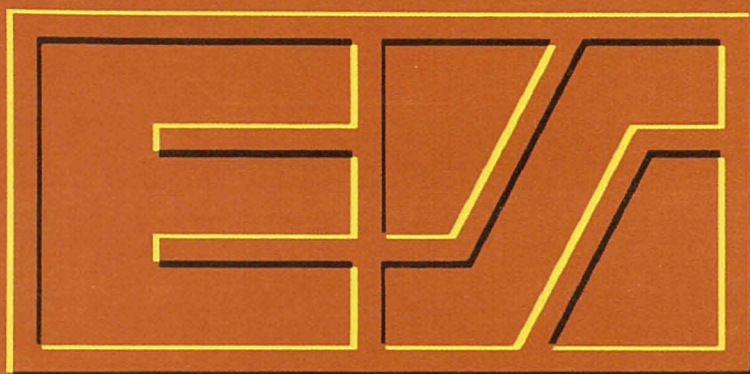


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1. General statistics;
2. National accounts, finances and balance of payments;
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4. Industry and services;
5. Agriculture, forestry and fisheries;
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NEWS ITEMS

Areas under vines as the subject of surveys

To maintain that it is necessary, and even indispensable, to have accurate and up-to-date information on the production potential of the Community's area under vines is to say something which should not, in principle, come as a surprise to anyone.

Accurate knowledge of the structure of the Community's vineyards and the ability to forecast medium-term trends in production as accurately as possible would appear to be essential preconditions for efficient management of the market in wine.

The form and the manner in which the collection of data should be organized may, on the other hand, be the subject of disagreement. Should the Member States be asked to organize surveys to produce information on their vineyards in the form of summary tables, subdivided geographically as far as possible, or is it preferable to draw up, in collaboration with the same Member States, a viticultural land register in the strict sense? Harmonizing, processing and constantly updating a register containing information on land-owners in the Community and the structure of their vineyards did not seem to be the best solution, for a variety of reasons. The scale of work involved in managing a register of this type, the lack of harmonization in the information available so far in the individual Member States, or the absence of information of this kind in certain Member States, were the reasons why the Commission preferred organizing statistical surveys designed to produce aggregated data in the form of tables. There are two kinds of survey: basic surveys, carried out every ten years; and intermediate surveys, which are carried out in the interval between these surveys and are less detailed, covering only the area under wine grape varieties. All holdings with a cultivated area normally intended for the production for sale of grapes, grape must, wine or vegetative propagation material for vines are covered. The

surveys are intended to produce information on the use of the area under vines for the production of wine grapes, table grapes and vegetative propagation material for vines and on the age of the different varieties of vines and their yields. Since over-production of table wine in particular may be the cause of serious difficulties in the viticultural economy of certain producer countries, it has been decided that a distinction should be made between areas under vines intended for the production of quality wines produced in specified regions, and other areas under vines intended for the production of ordinary table wine.

The first basic survey was to be carried out, in principle, in 1979 in the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Italy and Luxembourg. Greece will carry out this survey in 1982: the other countries, which are of less importance in the viticultural market, were excluded from the survey. As Italy was not in a position to carry out the survey within the required time-limit, it requested and obtained a postponement to 1982 of the date by which it was required to carry it out. The data obtained from this survey have already been supplied by Luxembourg, France and the Federal Republic of Germany (partially in the case of the latter two Member States). These data will be disseminated among members of the *ad hoc* working party and among the Commission departments. A summary publication of the results is planned once all the data for all the Member States concerned have been supplied.

It is expected that the data will eventually be stored, duly updated by the intermediate surveys, in one of Eurostat's data bases. By so doing, Eurostat hopes to be able to make the results more rapidly and more easily available, and thereby to contribute to a wider dissemination of this information.

D. Defays

Agricultural price statistics

The SOEC's agricultural price statistics cover EC agricultural price indices (EC index of producer prices of agricultural products and EC indices of the purchase prices of the means of agricultural production) on the one hand and absolute agricultural prices on the other.

EC agricultural price indices (output and input)

The work done over recent years by the relevant section of the SOEC has been concentrated largely on an improvement of the EC agricultural price indices. An important question has been the development, in close collaboration with the Member States, of concepts for the very difficult calculation of monthly price indices for fruit and vegetables. This particular problem was solved by using variable value-weights for each of the 12 months of the base year 1975. Preparatory work then followed with a view to calculating the EC agricultural price indices on Cronos ('PACO' sector), a task which was completed in 1980. The first publication of price indices stored in Cronos appeared in the autumn of the same year. In 1981, Greece was added to the system of EC agricultural price indices and, with effect from mid-1981, the relevant publications include indices for Greece and EUR 10. Finally — again in 1981 — the necessary work was done for the next re-basing of EC agricultural price indices to a 1980 base. The working party responsible agreed a new list of products for the EC index of producer prices of agricultural products to reflect, in the main, the southerly enlargement of the European Community and the resultant increase in the importance of Mediterranean agricultural products. A decision was also taken, following the re-basing of the EC agricultural price indices to a 1980 base, to include fruit and vegetables in the *monthly* overall index of producer prices of agricul-

tural products. This should lead to a substantial improvement in the reliability of the monthly output price indices for those countries in which fruit and vegetables are an important element.

Absolute agricultural prices

Towards the end of 1981, the main effort in the relevant SOEC section was shifted to absolute agricultural price statistics. This sector covers the recording and publication of the selling prices of crop and animal products and the purchase prices of the means of agricultural production. The aim here is to facilitate comparison within the Community of the prices of agricultural products which are as 'identical' as possible (i.e. precisely defined products), and to monitor price trends for nationally representative products (covering all quality and size categories). The absolute agricultural prices recorded by the SOEC are stored along with the EC agricultural price indices in the Cronos data bank ('PACO' sector) and are expressed in both national currencies and European currency units (ECU).

Experience has shown that there is a constant need to adapt the selection of relevant absolute agricultural price series made at the beginning of the 1970s to reflect the latest technological and economic state of Community agriculture, this being particularly true of animal feedingstuffs and fertilizers. Another reason for changing the selection of absolute agricultural price series may be a change in the relevant Community standards for agricultural products. Finally, here too, account must be taken of the southerly enlargement of the Community by including additional price series for Mediterranean products.

A decision on the resultant changes and additions to the existing absolute agricultural price series was taken on 15 and 16 December

1981 by the working party concerned and in bilateral discussions with Member States. The necessary work will have to be done in the course of this year, one of the results being that certain of the price series stored in Cronos will be deleted and replaced by other, new series. The Cronos Handbook B I for the 'PACO' sector will also be revised in the near future. Another important project will be revision of the 'Catalogues of the characteristics which determine the SOEC's absolute agricultural price series'. These catalogues set out the particular circumstances from country to country which concern the characteristics determining the prices of the different products as well as the techniques of recording and averaging prices, thus facilitating assessment of the problems inherent in direct price comparisons.

Data dissemination

With effect from 1982, the dissemination of agricultural price data (EC agricultural price indices and absolute agricultural prices) will involve greater use of direct access to the Cronos data bank or of Euronet. In addition,

these data will be made available in the form of magnetic tapes, microfiches of computer listings on request to the SOEC. The intention is to make the data available more rapidly than can be achieved with conventional methods of publication.

The current annual and quarterly publications of EC agricultural price indices will in future be amalgamated to form a publication appearing every six months, and supplemented by four quarterly rapid information notes giving the monthly output and input price indices, eight monthly rapid information notes giving monthly output price indices in the intervening months and two annual rapid information notes containing the forecasts and final figures for the annual output and input price indices.

The three existing quarterly publications series giving monthly data for absolute agricultural prices have been discontinued. However it is not excluded that these periodicals will be replaced by other publications or by rapid information notes during the year. The annual publication of the long series of annual agricultural prices will appear as before.

F. Pfähler

Structure and activity of enterprises in wholesale and retail distribution

Any comparison of the structure and activity of the distribution sector in different countries encounters serious obstacles because such data as exist are generally collected using survey methods which differ quite widely. A further consideration is that the distribution sector, like most other branches of the services sector, is mainly made up of small and medium-sized enterprises, which must be included in the surveys if the results are to be meaningful. Distribution is therefore a sector of activity on which it is difficult to obtain

statistics. Surveys in this field call for fairly substantial resources, and they do not all enjoy the same priority in the work programmes of the various national statistical institutes.

In order to make good, as far as possible, the lack of comparable data on distribution, for the past few years the SOEC has been working on the gradual harmonization of national statistics on this subject. The first step was to establish, with the help of the national

statistical institutes of the Member States a general framework of common references, i.e. definitions, nomenclatures, classifications, etc., which the national statistics on wholesale and retail distribution should incorporate in order to provide valid comparisons between countries. The SOEC then tried to assemble data which had been compiled along these lines, but confined itself initially to a number of basic data which it is (or soon will be) possible to collect in most of the Member States, i.e. number of enterprises, number of persons employed, turnover, wages and salaries, current expenditure and stocks. These data have to be compiled for each activity group of wholesale and retail distribution laid down in the General Industrial Classification of Economic Activities within the European Communities (some 20 headings). For some of these, i.e. number of enterprises, number of persons employed and turnover, there is also provision for a breakdown by size of enterprise.

The SOEC did not invoke the legal instruments (Council Regulations and Directives) which are binding on Member States to carry out this new statistical project. Because of the problems and difficulties mentioned above, the sophistication of the statistics on distributive enterprises varies widely from one country to another, being reasonably satisfactory for some but less so for others. In several cases the initial data which were or will be available are incomplete, or not yet in accordance with the Community references, or both. In addition, they reach the SOEC after very variable periods of time.

For this reason the initial results of this attempt at harmonization will be published internally, with a restricted circulation, and the available data will be presented separately by country. The SOEC will try to make these publications follow a system which will be as uniform as possible for ease of comparison. It hopes in this way to make the best use of the work which the national statistical institutes have done of their own accord, in line with

their resources in each case, and hopes that this work will produce a slow but steady improvement in Community statistics on the structure and activity of the distribution sector.

The first two issues of this new series of publications are on France and the Federal Republic of Germany. They will be available in French soon and in English a few weeks afterwards. The third issue will be on Luxembourg, and data on other countries will follow. Taking as a basis the data in the first two issues the SOEC has also made a comparison of the main structural features of wholesale and retail distribution in France and Germany. The results will be published in a supplementary issue (Supplement No 1) in the same series, which will appear at the same time as the second issue.

Without going into the details of this comparison a number of general remarks may be made here. For example, it was seen that the distribution of enterprises by commercial activity branch was fairly similar in the two countries. On the whole there are more retail distribution enterprises in France, but they are smaller. The average size of the enterprises varies, depending on the type of commercial activity, according to patterns whose similarity is very marked, etc.

As stated above, initially these publications (structure and activity of enterprises in wholesale and retail distribution — data by country) will be 'internal' and therefore not available for sale to the general public. Their dissemination will be restricted to the Commission, the other European institutions and those national government bodies which are directly interested. However, other public bodies can also obtain them on application to Eurostat, Division C2, PO Box 1907, Luxembourg (Tel. 43011, ext. 3563).

C. Simeoni

The Comext — Eurostat data bank

The Comext data bank comprises all the statistics on the external trade of the Community and its Member States.

The external trade data are compiled at Community level from the basic information supplied by the national statistical institutes.

On-line consultation of the data contained in the Comext data bank is now possible via the European telecommunications network Euronet, and these data can be used for making tables and statistical calculations.

To disseminate these data the SOEC uses service companies with which the Commission has signed an agreement. These Euronet — Diane service companies have computers which are connected to Euronet. The external trade statistics are processed by the Statistical Office of the European Communities, and then made available through Euronet to users who have a terminal which can be connected to the network.

The Comext service is now operational and introductory seminars were held in Brussels, Luxembourg and Milan in February 1982. Some training courses have also been given since then.

We give below details on the contents of this data bank and the facilities offered by the interrogation and calculation software.

Contents

The Comext data bank contains statistics on imports and exports relating to the external trade of the Community and trade between its Member States.

The amount of trade is expressed by value in units equal to 1 000 European units of account (1 000 EUA), by volume (in tonnes) and in supplementary units (pairs, items, etc.) for goods where these units are significant.

The nomenclature of goods used is that of Nimexe. This nomenclature changes slightly from year to year and Community regulations detail the amendments to it.

The country nomenclature is the current version of the geonomenclature, which comprises the countries of the world individually and the main geographical zones, e.g. world, intra-EC, Class 1, etc.

The trade recorded is special trade broken down into the following statistical categories:

- Imports of goods put into free circulation and/or made available for consumption on arrival into or release from the warehouse;
- Imports for inward processing;
- Imports following outward processing;
- Exports of goods originating or in free circulation in the Community;
- Exports following inward processing;
- Exports for outward processing.

Full methodological details on the rules governing the collection of these data are to be found in the 'User's Guide', which is mentioned in this same prospectus under the heading 'Published', as well as in the Community regulations, to which the guide gives references. The data accessible cover a period of three years. They are monthly for the last 18 months and quarterly for the whole period.

The data base is updated monthly as soon as the external trade data for a member country have been processed at Community level, i.e. 6-10 weeks after the end of the reference month.

The data stored, and therefore directly accessible, represent a volume of 3 000 million characters for approximately 3 million

combinations of basic units, a basic unit being defined as a trade flow, a product, a Member State or the Community and a trading partner.

Services available

The project to disseminate external trade statistics via Euronet has been set up to meet the needs of the largest possible number of users. These statistics are used for many purposes, such as trade negotiations, economic studies, monitoring trade flows, market analyses, the balance of payments, national accounting, budgetary control, etc. The number of potential users is therefore very high because it includes all those involved in the economy who have to carry out this type of work. A particular effort will be made to provide a service to small undertakings by making it possible for them to use TELEX or Telenet in addition to Euronet.

The first package of facilities is already available, or will be in the next few months. This package is changing constantly and new requests or improvements put forward by the users' committees will be examined. The task of developing tools to meet these needs will then be considered.

Among the existing facilities mention should be made of the following.

Selection in the different product or country nomenclatures is by either code or keywords.

It should be noted that while the basic data are stored in accordance with the Nimexe goods nomenclature system, other less de-

tailed goods nomenclatures, in particular the SITC (Standard International Trade Classification) are related to Nimexe and the selection procedure and other facilities mentioned will use one or other of these nomenclatures at random.

It is possible to extract trade statistics for one or more periods for any combination of codes taken from the following units: / Category of statistics /, / Products /, / Member countries or Community /, / Trading partners /.

Standard tables are available, e.g. 'product/country' or 'country/product', trade balance or growth rate.

Chronological series can be compiled for which statistical calculations or graphs can be made.

The tables or other output are transmitted via either the VDU, on-line print-out or other data carriers such as listings or magnetic tape following batch processing.

Further information on gaining access to the Comext-Eurostat data bank, and further information on the contents for processing software may be obtained from

Mr Rambaud-Chanoz, Department E 3, SOEC, Jean Monnet Building (Office B3/047), L-2920 Luxembourg, Tel. 4301-3572,

or

the data room (Office B3/049 at the same address), Tel. 4301-3530.

Users in the European institutions in Brussels should contact: Data Shop, U.P.B. Building, 120, Rue de la Loi (Office 4/11), 1040 Brussels, Tel. 235 11 11, ext. 51504.

G. Rambaud-Chanoz

A 'Guide' to external trade statistics

The Statistical Office of the European Communities compiles statistics on the external trade of the Community and trade between

Member States. The basic data are collected, processed and forwarded regularly by the Member States.

These statistics form the basis for a large number of Eurostat productions catering for various requirements of the Community institutions and of outside users. The uses to which they are put range from the detailed level needed to conduct multilateral and bilateral negotiations under the common commercial policy to the more aggregated level required for the purposes of economic forecasts and analyses. Statistics on external trade constitute the cornerstone of sectoral or overall analyses and must therefore be tailored to suit these applications.

Consequently, Community productions relating to external trade have over the years branched out and become more and more diversified and the need for a user's guide has become apparent.

On a parallel with this, the proliferation of dissemination media has led to a more widespread and flexible use of the data available. Alongside the traditional methods of dissemination on paper there are now microfiches,

magnetic tapes and on-line data banks. These new media necessitate improved guidance as regards access, choice and utilization and also as regards the definitions and basic methods adopted for the compilation of these statistics.

Eurostat provides, for the first time, a 'user's guide' to external trade statistics. Its aim is twofold:

- to provide the basic methodological information required for using Eurostat's external trade statistics;
- to give the user guidance as to the various ways and means of obtaining the statistical information he seeks.

The reader will find in this publication a methodological guide, a guide to Eurostat productions and a list of prices and useful addresses.

In order to obtain this guide please apply to Mr C. Poliart, Office B3/49, Tel. 4301-3530.

The Agricultural Situation in the Community 1981 Report ¹

In 1981 agricultural prices increased by over 11%, which was significantly more than in 1980 (about 8%), and the improvement in farmers' prices accelerated during the year. None the less, input costs continued to rise at about the same rate as in 1980 and, although there were great differences between the situation in different Member States, on average there was once again a small fall in real

income, although this fall was substantially less than in previous years. In the light of the difficult situation in the economy generally and the high level of unemployment, structural change in agriculture has slowed down and the number of people leaving the land has also declined. The cost to the Community budget of the common agricultural policy as a percentage of the total Community budget continued to decline. It has fallen from 77% in 1977 to 67% in 1981.

The accession of Greece was a particularly important event for Community agriculture in 1981, since such a large percentage of the

¹ Report published in conjunction with the *Fifteenth General Report on the Activities of the European Communities in 1981*. The report is available from the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities at a price of BFR 800 or its equivalent in other currencies. For further information apply to DG VI, Div. A-2, Brussels.

Greek labour force (about 30%) is engaged in agriculture; the Greek accession also introduced or greatly increased the importance of certain products in Community agriculture, such as cotton, dried fruits, tobacco and olive oil.

These are the principal conclusions of the latest annual report of the agricultural situation in the Community — the seventh in published form, which has been prepared following the broad lines of the revisions introduced in 1980; only changes in the order of presentation have been introduced. The document remains a valuable reference document which gives an overall view of the development of the common agricultural policy and a wealth of statistical data on European agriculture. As a consequence of the accession of Greece to the European Community on 1 January 1981, the report now covers EUR 10, and contains new data for Greece.

In addition to the general chapters relating to the economic situation, structures, production and income, consumers, agricultural markets and finance of the CAP, the 1981 report contains four chapters on particular topics.

Community food aid

The Community plays a major and increasing role in food aid to those in need in the Third World. Its programme is based solely on the needs of the recipients and is predominantly carried out through outright gifts, some part of the programme being linked, however, with development projects in the Third World. The history and development of Community food aid is traced from its origins in 1968 in both quantitative and financial terms. The needs, criteria and objectives of this assistance are clarified as is its relationship to indigenous production and commercial trade.

The contribution of the common agricultural policy to the economic development of the Community

The 'silent revolution' which has taken place over the last 20 years in European agriculture is described, and the increase in efficiency of agriculture from the situation existing formerly is highly impressive. Land areas have contracted and the labour force has declined by over 50% since 1960. While labour productivity increases have been substantially higher than those in other sectors, labour output remains at a much lower absolute level. The contribution of the CAP to the fight against inflation and its impact on resource distribution, trade, regional economies and the rural social situation are all covered.

The development of veterinary legislation

Veterinary legislation makes a valuable contribution to reducing the economic impact of disease on the productive capacity of European agriculture and is a major element in maintaining free trade in animals and animal products both within the Community and between the Community and the world at large. Harmonization of a mass of national legislation at Member State level, to prevent technical factors being used as protective instruments, was a first priority. At the same time, the raising of the health status of the Community animal stock, and the application of stricter public health rules were pursued. Comparable criteria are applied to trade with non-member countries in order to protect the achievements of an enhanced health status for both humans and animals within the EC.

The Community's agricultural policy and policy on trade in agricultural products

The relationship between the common agricultural policy and the common commercial policy is examined. The import levy element

of the CAP maintains stable prices within the European Community while allowing a non-discriminatory trade policy with no quantitative restrictions. The export refunds allow Community merchants to trade on the world market. That these instruments have not re-

stricted trade is evidenced by the fact that the EC remains the world's largest importer of agricultural products. The relationship with the Community's international obligations is examined, as is the trade balance in agricultural products.



OBITUARY

The death occurred in Luxembourg on 21 February 1982, at the age of 56, of Mr **Mattheus Burger**, Principal Administrator at the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Head of the Nomenclatures Department of the Publications and Studies Division.

Mr Burger joined the Commission in 1961 and was for a long time Head of Short-term industrial statistics, and Nomenclatures Departments. It was in this latter field that he ultimately became specialized after building up considerable expertise and experience. His sad passing is a cause of grief not only to his colleagues at the Statistical Office, but also to the many national and international officials who had the opportunity of working with him in several working parties and of appreciating his professional and human qualities.

INTRODUCTORY COURSES FOR YOUNG STATISTICIANS FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES

An introductory course on Eurostat took place on 23-26 February in Luxembourg for young statisticians from the national statistical institutes. This was the second course in a programme initiated in March 1981. Some 20 participants from France, Italy and Belgium followed a course including lectures on the Community institutions, the work of Eurostat

and in particular social, agricultural, industrial and foreign trade statistics. A demonstration of Eurostat's two major data banks Cronos and Comext was also made. Opportunity was also provided for individual contacts with Eurostat staff working in specific areas. Further courses are planned.

H. B.

PUBLICATIONS

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Theme 2

MULTILATERAL MEASUREMENTS OF PURCHASING POWER AND REAL GDP

ISBN 92-825-2669-0 (EN)

ISBN 92-825-2670-4 (FR)

Format A 4, 61 pages, price BFR 300

The purpose of this report by Professor Hill is to examine methodological problems related to the calculation of purchasing power parities and values of national accounts aggregates in real terms.

It covers the establishment of lists of products and their links between regions but also the methods of estimation of basic parities and the aggregation of basic parities up to the level of gross domestic products. The relationship between regional comparison and world comparisons also constitutes an important part of the report.

(2.1.4/81)

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS — ESA — DETAILED TABLES BY SECTOR 1970-1979

ISBN 92-825-1666-0 (DA/DE/EN/FR/IT/NL)

Format A 4, 373 pages, price BFR 900

Detailed data for the Community and the Member States on flows of income between institutional sectors (companies, households, government, etc.) and their financial transactions (change in assets and liabilities), compiled in accordance with the European System of Integrated Economic Accounts (ESA).

(2.2.1/81)

BALANCES OF PAYMENTS — GLOBAL DATA 1969-1980

ISBN 92-825-2711-5 (DA/DE/GR/EN/FR/IT/NL)

Format A 4, 95 pages, price BFR 400

This publication gives the most recently available data on the overall balance of payments (annual flows) for each of the Member States of the European Community and for the Community as a whole (sums of EUR 9 and EUR 10), for each of the countries applying for membership (Spain and Portugal) and also for the United States and Japan.

Comparative tables for the main headings of balances of payments of industrialized countries are also included.

All these data are set out here according to a layout based on the one suggested in the fourth edition of the International Monetary Fund's publication *Balance of payments manual*. These series are expressed in European currency units (ECU) and contain the most recent 12 years for which data are available.

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Internal publications to be published in 1982

These are documents primarily intended for the services of the Commission and the other European institutions and whose publication has been authorized by the Director-General. In certain cases and at the discretion of the sections responsible for their content, these internal publications are made available to professional bodies and national administrations which collaborate closely with the Office. They can be consulted at the Information Offices of the Commission.

We remind our readers that SOEC's 'Programme of publications for 1982' has been published in issue No 4-1981 of *Eurostat News*.

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Theme 4

IRON AND STEEL YEARBOOK 1981

ISBN 92-825-2681-X (DE/EN/FR/IT)

Format A 4, 183 pages, price BFR 1 000

Yearly statistics on the structure and the economic situation of the Community's iron and steel industry: employment, size of enterprises, plants, crude steel, iron and scrap balances, production of iron ore, pig-iron, crude steel, finished steel and end products, consumption of raw materials, works deliveries and receipts, external trade of scrap and ECSC products, indirect foreign trade, steel consumption investments of the iron and steel industry, prices and levy. (4.3.1/81)

EC RAW MATERIALS BALANCE SHEETS 1979

ISBN 92-825-2637-2 (DE/EN/FR)

Format A 4, 33 pages, price BFR 100

This booklet follows the SOEC publication *EC raw materials balance sheets 1975-1978* issued in May 1981 and gives in a more condensed form, the supply balance sheets for 20 mineral raw materials for the year 1979, compared with 1978, namely:

- Consolidated balance sheets for the EC, Member States and certain third countries;
- Balance sheet ratios showing the degree of external dependence and self-sufficiency in raw materials;
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(4.1.3/81)

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ISBN 92-825-2734-4 (DE), 92-825-2735-2 (EN)

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(1.1.3/82)

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(3.4.3/82)

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