

Commission Decision No 2618/97/ECSC (23 December 1997)

Caption: Commission Decision No 2618/97/ECSC of 23 December 1997 fixing the rate of the levies for the 1998 financial year and amending Decision No 3/52/ECSC on the amount of and methods for applying the levies provided for in Articles 49 and 50 of the Treaty.

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Commission Decision No 2618/97/ECSC of 23 December 1997 fixing the rate of the levies for the 1998 financial year and amending Decision No 3/52/ECSC on the amount of and methods for applying the levies provided for in Articles 49 and 50 of the Treaty

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular Articles 49 and 50 thereof,

Whereas, in view of the variations in average values recorded during the reference period, Articles 2 and 4 of Decision No 3/52/ECSC of the High Authority ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision No 2286/96/ECSC ⁽²⁾, should be amended;

Whereas the requirements of the European Coal and Steel Community are estimated in the operating budget for the 1998 financial year at ECU 219 million; whereas that budget, which was adopted by the Commission on 23 December 1997 in the form shown in the Annex to this Decision, indicated the amount of income to be provided from levies in the course of the financial year 1998, namely ECU 0 million;

Whereas the estimated yield of the levies at a rate of 0.01 % is ECU 5,737 million,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The rate of the levies on output from 1 January 1998 shall be 0 % of the figures used as the basis of assessment for such levies.

Article 2

Decision No 3/52/ECSC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 2 is replaced by the following:

'Article 2

From 1 January 1998 the average value in ecus of the products on which the levies are assessed shall be as follows:

[Table]

2. Article 4 is replaced by the following:

'Article 4

The scale provided for in Article 2 (4) of Decision No 2/52/ECSC shall be as follows:

[Table]

The amount of the levies per tonne to be paid in the currencies of the Member States shall be determined in accordance with Article 3 of Commission Decision No 3289/75/ECSC (*).

(*) OJ L 327, 19. 12. 1975, p. 4.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1998.

This Decision shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 December 1997.

For the Commission
Erkki LIIKANEN
Member of the Commission

(¹) OJ of the ECSC No 1, 30. 12. 1952, p. 4.

(²) OJ L 311, 30. 11. 1996, p. 10.

Annex
ECSC operating budget for 1998

[Tables]