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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 March 1973

extending the authorization of joint fuel sales by the mining companies of the Belgian coalfields associated within the 'Comptoir Belge des Charbons, Société coopérative (Cobéchar)'

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(73/75/ECSC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular Articles 2 to 5, 47 and 65 thereof;

Having regard to Decision No 1/63 [1] of 16 January 1963 authorizing joint fuel sales by a number of mining companies operating in the Belgian coalfields associated within the 'Comptoir belge des charbons Société coopérative (Cobéchar)', extended and completed by Decision No 1/66 [2] of 27 January 1966 extending the period of validity of Decision Nos 1/63 and 37/67 [3] of 19 December 1967 and No 70/31/ECSC [4] of 22 December 1969;

Having regard to the application of 9 November 1972;

Whereas by Decision No 1/63 of 16 January 1963 the High Authority authorized until 31 December 1965 joint sales of solid fuels by the mining companies associated within the 'Comptoir belge des charbons, Société coopérative (Cobéchar)';

Whereas the period of validity of that authorization was extended by Decisions Nos 1/66 and 70/31/ECSC until 31 December 1972;

Whereas by letter of 9 November 1972 Cobéchar informed the Commission that the companies concerned had extended their joint-selling agreements until 31 December 1975 and applied for a corresponding extension of the authorization;

Whereas the agreements are largely the same as those concluded at the end of 1962;

Whereas the relationship between the overall production of the undertakings concerned and the overall production of the common market has hardly changed in recent years;

Whereas the reasons for which the High Authority authorized in its aforementioned decisions the agreements between the companies concerned for joint sales of solid fuel as set out in the Statutes of the 'Comptoir belges des charbons (Cobéchar)' and in the latter's internal regulations *(règlement d'ordre intérieur de Cobéchar)* still apply, as do the reasons for the conditions imposed on the companies concerned;

Whereas the agreements thus continue to comply with the requirements for authorization set out in Article 65 (2) of the Treaty;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The period of validity of Decision No 1/63 authorizing joint fuel sales by the Belgian mining undertakings listed in the Annex to the said Decision is extended until 31 December 1975.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the companies concerned and to Cobéchar.

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 1973.

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1973

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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[1] OJ No 15, 30. 1. 1963, p. 162/63.
[2] OJ No 20, 1. 2. 1966, p. 309/66.
[3] OJ No 318, 29. 12. 1967, p. 10.
[4] OJ No L 10, 15. 1. 1970, p. 16.

ANNEX

List of members of the Comptoir Belge des Charbons

Name	Address
1. Charbonnage d'Aiseau-Presle, S.A.	Grand'Place 6240 Farciennes
2. Charbonnages d'Argenteau, S.A.	4570 Trembleur
3. Société des charbonnages du Bois-du-Luc, S.A.	7071 Houdeng-Aimeries
4. Cockerill-Ougrée-Providence-Espérance-Longdoz, S.A.	4100 Seraing
5. Société des charbonnages Espérance et Bonne-Fortune, S.A.	4320 Montegnée-lez-Liège
6. S.A. des charbonnages de la Grande-Bacnure — en liquidation	Rue du Petit Chêne 95 4400 Coronmeuse-lez-Liège
7. S.A. Société des charbonnages du Hasard	Rue Paul d'Andrimont 3 4630 Micheroux-lez-Liège
8. Charbonnages d'Hensies-Pommeroeul, S.A.	Rue des Sartis 7381 Hensies
9. N.V. Kempense Steenkolenmijnen	Grote Baan 27 3530 Houthalen
10. Charbonnages Mambourg, Sacré-Madame et Poirier réunis, S.A.	6000 Charleroi
11. Société des charbonnages de Monceau-Fontaine, S.A.	6031 Monceau-sur-Sambre
12. Compagnie immobilière et financière Patience et Beaujonc, S.A.	Rue Em. Vandervelde 352 4301 Glain-lez-Liège
13. S.A. des charbonnages réunis de Roton-Farciennes et Oignies-Aiseau	Rue St-Martin 66 5600 Tamines
14. Société des charbonnages du Petit-Try, S.A.	6258 Lambusart
15. Société des charbonnages du Trieu-Kaisin, S.A.	6070 Châtelineau
16. Société des charbonnages de Wérister, S.A.	Rue Churchill 26 4624 Romsée