COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 February 1976

extending the authorization of joint fuel sales by the Belgian mining companies associated within the Comptoir belge des charbons, société coopérative (Cobéchar)

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(76/356/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 1/63 of 16 January 1963 authorizing joint fuel sales in a number of mining companies operating in the Belgian coalfields associated within the Comptoir belge des charbons, société coopérative (Cobéchar) (1), extended and completed by Decisions 1/66 of 27 January 1966 (2), 37/67 of 19 December 1967 (3), 70/31/ECSC of 22 December 1969 (4) and 73/75/ECSC of 20 March 1973 (5),

Having regard to the application of 17 July 1975,

Whereas by Decision 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 1/66, 70/31/ECSC and 73/75/ECSC until 31 December 1975;

Whereas by letter of 17 July 1975 Cobéchar informed the Commission that the companies concerned had extended the existing joint-selling agreements until 31 December 1978 and applied for a corresponding extension of the authorization;

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

Whereas the reasons for which the High Authority, in its aforementioned Decisions, authorized the agreements between the companies concerned for joint sales of solid fuel as set out in the statutes of the Comptoir belge des charbons (Cobéchar) and in its internal regulations (règlement d'ordre intérieur de Cobéchar) still apply, as do the reasons for the conditions imposed upon 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 1/63 authorizing joint sales of fuels by the Belgian mining companies listed in the Annex to this Decision, is hereby extended until 31 December 1978.

Article 2

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

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 1976.

Done at Brussels, 18 February 1976.

For the Commission

A. BORSCHETTE

Member of the Commission

(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.
(5) OJ No L 102, 17. 4. 1973, p. 19.

ANNEX

List of companies grouped within the Comptoir belge des charbons

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