COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 July 1976

extending for six months Decision 71/315/ECSC of 27 July 1971 authorizing specialization Agreements covering the manufacture of rolled-steel products and the joint buying of iron ore between steel undertakings in south-western Germany

(Only the German text is authentic)

(76/776/ECSC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular Article 65 thereof,

Having regard to Decision 71/315/ECSC of 27 July 1971 authorizing specialization Agreements covering the manufacture of rolled-steel products and the joint buying of iron ore between steel undertakings in south-western Germany [1],

Having regard to Decision 71/355/ECSC of 13 February 1976 extending Decision 71/315/ECSC until 30 June 1976 [2],

Having regard to the application from the undertakings concerned dated 25 June 1976,

Whereas :

1. Commission Decision 71/315/ECSC of 27 July 1971 gave an authorization under Article 65 to the following steel undertakings :

Aktiengesellschaft der Dillinger Hüttenwerke, Dillingen ;

ARBED — Aciéries réunies de Burbach-Eich-Dudelange, société anonyme — Vereinigte Hüttenwerke Burbach-Eich Düdelingen AG, St. Ingbert Department ;

ARBED S.A. — ARBED Felten & Guilleaume Vereinigte Drahtwerke, Köln-Mülheim, and its departments :

Walzwerke GmbH vormals E. Böcking & Co., Köln-Mülheim, and

Felten & Guilleaume Carlswerk Eisen und Stahl GmbH, Köln-Mülheim (including wire-drawing plants at Cologne and Berlin) ;

Eschweiler Bergwerke-Verein, Kohlscheid ;

Neunkircher Eisenwerk AG vormals Gebrüder Stumm, Neunkirchen ;

Schwäbische Hüttenwerke GmbH, Wasseralfingen ;

Stahlwerke Röchling-Burbach GmbH, Völklingen ;

Otto Wolff AG, Köln, acting on behalf of :

Rasselstein AG, Neuwied, and

Stahlwerke Bochum AG, Bochum,

for specialization Agreements covering the manufacture of rolled-steel products and the joint buying of iron ore. The Decision expired on 31 December 1975.

2. By its Decision 76/355/ECSC of 13 February 1976 the Commission extended the application of the first Decision until 30 June 1976 to enable the undertakings concerned to complete their negotiations with the object of consolidating through new Agreements the results achieved with the specialization Agreements which had been authorized.

3. Those concerned submitted to the Commission on 25 June 1976 a contract for cooperation and specialization Agreements and asked for an extension of the existing Agreements for the period necessary to enable the new Agreements to be examined under Article 65 of the Treaty.

4. The grounds for the extension Decision of 13 February 1976 remain valid and are accordingly applicable to the present Decision.

5. In these circumstances an extension for a period of six months of Decision 71/315/ECSC can be authorized,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Decision 71/315/ECSC of 27 July 1971 authorizing specialization Agreements covering the manufacture of rolled-steel products and the joint buying of iron ore between steel undertakings in south-western Germany is extended until 31 December 1976.

[1] OJ No L 201, 5. 9. 1971, p. 27.
[2] OJ No L 95, 9. 4. 1976, p. 23.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the following undertakings :

Aktiengesellschaft der Dillinger Hüttenwerke, Dillingen ;

ARBED — Aciéries réunies de Burbach-Eich-Dudelange, société anonyme — Vereinigte Hüttenwerke Burbach-Eich Düdelingen AG, St. Ingbert Department ;

ARBED S.A. — ARBED Felten & Guilleaume Vereinigte Drahtwerke, Köln-Mülheim, and its departments :

Walzwerke GmbH vormals E. Böcking & Co., Köln-Mülheim, and

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Otto Wolff AG, Köln, acting on behalf of :

Rasselstein AG, Neuwied, and

Stahlwerke Bochum AG, Bochum.

Done at Brussels, 28 July 1976.

For the Commission

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