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Recommendation to Governments ^{for} (of Member States) Extending the Recommendation Concerning the Introduction of Specific Protection on Imports of Foundry Pig-Iron

The following communication has been received from the Commission of the European Communities.

The Commission of the European Communities has the honour to request you to inform the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the measures to afford protection to the Community market for foundry pig-iron that were in force until 31 December 1968 (see document L/2719) have been extended for a further period of two years, i.e. until 31 December 1970. The rate of the minimum specific protection has been maintained at 5 EMA accounting units per ton.

This further extension has been made because, on the one hand, the situation of the world market for foundry pig-iron has not changed substantially during the period of validity of the measures, and on the other hand, the removal of temporary protection in the present situation might cause serious damage to production of foundry pig-iron which has been improving in the common market.

Attached hereto is the text of the recommendation adopted on this subject by the Commission of the European Communities on 18 December 1968.

Annex

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2060 OF THE COMMISSION
OF 18 DECEMBER 1968

to the Governments of the Member States Extending Recommendation
No. 2-64 Concerning the Introduction of a Specific Charge
on Imports of Foundry Pig-Iron

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Having regard to Articles 2 to 5, 8, 14, 57, 71, 74, 81 and 86 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community,

Having regard to Recommendation No. 1-64 of the High Authority dated 15 January 1964 to the Governments of the member States concerning an increase in the level of protection affecting iron and steel products at the external frontier of the Community (Official Gazette of the European Communities No. 8 of 22 January 1964, pages 99/64 to 106/64),

Having regard to Decision No. 663/68 ECSC of the Commission dated 29 May 1968 amending Recommendation No. 1-64 of the High Authority (Official Gazette of the European Communities No. L.125/7 of 5 June 1968),

Having regard to Recommendation No. 2-64 dated 15 January 1964 to the Governments of the member States concerning the introduction of specific protection on imports of foundry pig-iron (Official Gazette of the European Communities No. 8 of 22 January 1964, page 107/64), as amended by Decision No. 11-64 of 27 May 1964 (Official Gazette of the European Communities No. 86 of 2 June 1964, page 335/64) and extended by Recommendation No. 1-65 of 1 December 1965 (Official Gazette of the European Communities No. 206 of 8 December 1965, page 3077/65) and Recommendation No. 1-66 of 30 November 1966 (Official Gazette of the European Communities No. 227 of 7 December 1966, page 3841/66),

Having regard to the provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and in particular Article XIX thereof,

Having regard to the Protocol signed at Geneva on 30 January 1967 upon the conclusion of the multilateral negotiations conducted within GATT,

Considering that pursuant to Recommendation No. 1-66, Recommendation No. 2-64 which had already been extended for one year by Recommendation No. 1-65 was further extended until 31 December 1968 with a reduction of the rate of specific protection from 7 to 5 EMA accounting units per ton and with the elimination of the tariff quotas for pig-iron other than special pig-iron,

Considering, on the one hand, that upon the expiry of this latter period no substantial change was found to have occurred in the situation of the world market for foundry pig-iron during the period of validity of Recommendation No. 1-66,

Considering, on the other hand, that elimination of the temporary protection in the present situation might cause serious damage to the current improvement in the conditions for production of foundry pig-iron in the common market,

RECOMMENDS AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Recommendation No. 2-64, as amended by Recommendation No. 1-66, is hereby extended until 31 December 1970.

Article 2

This Recommendation shall be notified to the Governments of the member States and published in the Official Gazette of the European Communities. It shall become effective for each Government by virtue of notification.

Done at Brussels on 18 December 1968
By the Commission:

(s.) The President
Jean Rey