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Measure concerning Foundry Pig Iron

The following communication has been received from the French Permanent Mission.

By its recommendation dated 18 December 1968¹, the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community extended until 31 December 1970 the recommendation of 15 January 1964, as amended by the recommendation of 30 November 1966, providing for the institution, from 15 February 1964 to 31 December 1968, of a specific duty on foundry pig iron, parallel with the 5 per cent duty on pig iron of the kinds listed in items 73.02 B/II and 73.01 C/II of the Community's customs tariff, with the exception of foundry pig iron manufactured entirely by the charcoal process.

These measures had been communicated to the contracting parties on 6 February 1964², 15 December 1965³ and 19 December 1966⁴ by the French Government, relying on Article XIX of the General Agreement.

As on the occasion of these earlier notifications, and in accordance with the provisions of Article XIX, paragraph 2, the High Authority, together with the States Members, is prepared to examine measures to suspend the bindings concerning foundry pig iron with those contracting parties which have a substantial interest as exporters in the product in question.

It should be noted that the minimum amount of specific protection applicable to this pig iron remains fixed at the reduced rate of five accounting units, to which it was reduced on 30 November 1966.

Any contracting party which may be interested should get in touch with the High Authority immediately.

¹L/3165.

²L/2183.

³L/2532.

⁴L/2731.