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United Kingdom

The following communication, dated 14 March 1983, has been received from the United Kingdom Mission.

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The following information for 1982 updates the full notification for the United Kingdom contained in document L/5104/Add.7.

British Steel Corporation

The Corporation (BSC) now operates under the Iron and Steel Act 1982 which empowers it, but not as previously requires it, to carry on or promote the carrying-on of any iron and steel activities and to sell or promote the sale of iron and steel products.

British Shipbuilders

Legislation is before Parliament which, if passed, would replace British Shipbuilders' duties with powers (i.e. make them non-mandatory).

Statistical information

Updated statistical information is attached in respect of the two above organizations and the National Coal Board.

STATISTICS OF IRON AND STEEL TRADE AND PRODUCTION

('000 tonnes)

	1980				1981				1982			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	<u>Exports (1)</u>											
Pig iron	-	-	-	-	10.4	0.8	1.0	-	-	-	2.8	2.4
	8	10	15	23	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.9	6.7	7.8	9.2	N/A
	BSC (6)											
	UK Total (3)											
Steel products	50	451	484	554	779.7	794	721	605.6	628.3	652.6	520.4	616
	BSC (4&6)											
	UK Total (5)											
Iron and Steel scrap	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	747	653	618	787	N/A	N/A	N/A	941.4	658.6	808.1	689.9	N/A

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STATISTICS OF IRON AND STEEL TRADE AND PRODUCTION (continued)

('000 tonnes)

	1980				1981				1982			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Imports (1)												
Iron Ore (excluding roasted pyrites)	358	2,721	3,835	1,616	2,274.7	5,336.1	3,732.6	2,298.6	3,154.4	3,187.7	2,876	N/A
BSC (2)												
UK Total	358	2,721	3,835	1,616	2,274.7	5,336.1	3,732.6	2,298.6	3,154.4	3,187.7	2,876	N/A
Manganese Ore												
BSC (2)												
UK Total	30	46	47	3	50.3	111.7	58.6	57.5	74.1	32.5	69.2	N/A
Pig Iron												
BSC (2)												
UK Total (3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	76	38	42	36	24.1	24.9	37.4	24.2	40.2	32.3	29	N/A
Steel products												
BSC (4)												
UK Total (5&7)	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	956	1,921	1,061	785	729.2	810.5	877.6	1,054.1	1,120.7	1,091.3	818.5	N/A
Iron and Steel Scrap												
BSC (2)												
UK Total (8)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	7	5	7	2.8	5.5	8.4	4.1	27.1	4.4	3.4	N/A

(1) UK Totals from Overseas Trade Statistics

(2) Receipts at works

(3) Includes sponge iron, iron & steel powders, shot, grit & wire pellets

(4) Ingots, semi-finished and finished steel

(5) Excludes ferro-alloys

(6) As reported by producers

(7) Excludes iron & steel alloy scrap in ingot form

(8) Excludes iron & steel alloy scrap in ingot form

STATISTICS OF IRON AND STEEL TRADE AND PRODUCTION (continued)

Production	('000 tonnes)											
	1980*				1981				1982			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iron ore												
BSC	17	363	311	225	205.8	167.8	195.7	144.7	153.6	74.4	84.5	76.8
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.4	21.6	26.1	19.6	13.0
Total	17	363	311	225	205.8	167.8	195.7	162.1	175.2	100.5	104.1	89.8
Pig iron												
BSC	22	2,297	2,026	1,971	2,268	2,478	2,495	2,375	2,441	2,472	1,834	1,641
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	22	2,297	2,026	1,971	2,268	2,478	2,495	2,375	2,441	2,472	1,834	1,641
Crude Steel												
BSC	21	3,251	2,619	2,500	3,080	3,444	3,331	3,388	3,434.8	3,315.4	2,386.4	2,242.4
Other	764	954	606	562	594	561	521	653	702.6	616.0	493.1	507.0
Total	785	4,205	3,225	3,062	3,674	4,005	3,852	4,041	4,137.4	3,931.4	2,879.5	2,749.4
Iron Castings												
BSC	30	79	79	73	75.4	79.8	80.7	88.5	104.1	88.5	66.5	N/A
Other	498	424.	304	332	346.6	339.2	302.3	332.5	339.9	296.5	247.5	N/A
Total	528	503	383	405	422.0	419.0	383.0	421.0	444.0	385.0	314.0	N/A

\* For 1980, excludes synthetic pig iron

SHIPBUILDING STATISTICS

TABLE I

Production of Merchant Ships: Completions in UK Shipyards

	Number of Vessels		Gross Tonnage (000 GRT)	
	Total, UK	British Shipbuilders	Total, UK	British Shipbuilders
1978	96	56	1,135	715
1979	95	53	707	547
1980	88	55	431	404
1981	51	25	217	195

TABLE II

Exports of Merchant Ships: Completions in UK Yards for Overseas Registration

	Number of Vessels		Gross Tonnage (000 GRT)	
	Total, UK	British Shipbuilders	Total, UK	British Shipbuilders
1978	27	20	396	393
1979	27	18	243	240
1980	33	30	232	232
1981	10	8	101	99

TABLE III

Imports of Merchant Ships: Completions Abroad for UK Registration

	Number of Vessels	Gross Tonnage (000 GRT)	Value £m
1978	46	798	457.1
1979	42	430	327.2
1980	43	286	193.3
1981	24	474	185.2

STATISTICS OF COAL TRADE AND PRODUCTION

	Tonnage ('000 tonnes)			Value (£'000)		
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
(a) Imports	4,375	7,334	4,290	137,614	214,366	157,682
(b) Re-exports	..	..	..	..	..	..
(c) (i) Total exports	2,339	4,042	3,997	62,375	116,247	129,179
(ii) Exports from non-vested (licensed) mines and opencast sites included in (c)(i)	..	..	..	..	..	..
(d) (i) Total home production	107,775	112,429	110,473	2,823,679	3,506,661	3,884,231
Deepmined	1,732	1,876	2,168	4,120	5,118	5,182
Recovered slurry	12,862	15,779	14,828	346,760	542,482	546,708
Opencast	122,369	130,084	127,469	3,174,559	4,054,261	4,436,121
(ii) Production from licensed mines* included in (d)(i)	900	1,142	1,121	23,819	36,925	40,211

\* including licensed opencast