

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 November 1978

extending the authorization for the joint sale of fuels by the Belgian mining companies associated within the 'Comptoir belge des charbons, Société coopérative (Cobechar)'

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(78/973/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 No 1/63 of 16 January 1963<sup>(1)</sup> authorizing the joint sale of fuels by the Belgian mining companies associated within the 'Comptoir belge des charbons, Société coopérative (Cobechar)', extended and supplemented by Decisions No 1/66 of 27 January 1966<sup>(2)</sup>, No 37/67 of 19 December 1967<sup>(3)</sup>, 70/31/ECSC of 22 December 1969<sup>(4)</sup>, 73/75/ECSC of 20 March 1973<sup>(5)</sup> and 76/356/ECSC of 18 February 1976<sup>(6)</sup>,

Having regard to the application made by Cobechar on 26 July 1978,

Whereas by Decision No 1/63 of 16 January 1963 the High Authority authorized joint sales of solid fuels by the mining companies associated within Cobechar until 31 December 1965;

Whereas the validity of this authorization has been extended by Decisions No 1/66, 70/31/ECSC, 73/75/ECSC and 76/356/ECSC until 31 December 1978;

Whereas by letter of 26 July 1978 Cobechar informed the Commission that the companies concerned had extended the existing joint-selling agreements until 31 December 1981 and applied for a corresponding extension of the authorization;

Whereas these agreements are essentially 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 Cobechar in its internal regulations 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 No 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 1981.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to Cobechar, Brussels and to the companies concerned.

It shall enter into force on 1 January 1979.

Done at Brussels, 16 November 1978.

*For the Commission*

Raymond VOUEL

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No 15, 30. 1. 1963, p. 162/63.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No 20, 1. 2. 1966, p. 309/66.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No 318, 29. 12. 1967, p. 10.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 10, 15. 1. 1970, p. 16.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 102, 17. 4. 1973, p. 19.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ No L 95, 9. 4. 1976, p. 25.

## ANNEX

## List of companies grouped within the Comptoir belge des charbons

Name	Registered office
1. Charbonnages d'Argenteau, SA	4570 Trembleur
2. Espérance et Bonne-Fortune, SA	4300 Ans rue Bonne-Fortune
3. SA des charbonnages de la Grande-Bachure (in liquidation)	4400 Coronmeuse-lez-Liège rue du Petit-Chêne 95
4. SA des charbonnages d'Hensies-Pommerœul (in liquidation)	7381 Hensies rue des Sartis
5. NV Kempense Steenkolenmijnen	3530 Houthalen Grote Baan 27
6. Société des charbonnages de Monceau-Fontaine, SA	6031 Monceau-sur-Sambre rue de Monceau-Fontaine 33
7. Compagnie immobilière et financière Patience et Beaujonc, SA	4301 Glain-lez-Liège rue Émile Vandervelde 352
8. SA des charbonnages réunis de Roton-Farciennes et Oignies-Aiseau	5600 Tamines rue Saint-Martin 66
9. Société des charbonnages de Wérister, SA	4624 Romsée rue Churchill 26