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**Agreement**  
between the Member States of the  
European Coal and Steel Community  
and the Republic of Iceland  
with Final Act

Brussels, 22 July 1972

[The Agreement entered into force on 1 January 1974]

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**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN  
COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY AND THE  
REPUBLIC OF ICELAND**

The Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Kingdom of Norway, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, being Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, the Republic of Iceland, of the other part,

Whereas the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland are concluding an Agreement concerning the sectors covered by that Community.<sup>(1)</sup>

Pursuing the same objectives and desiring to find appropriate solutions for the sector covered by the European Coal and Steel Community,

Have decided in pursuit of these objectives and considering that no provision of this Agreement may be interpreted as exempting the Contracting Parties from the obligations which are incumbent upon them under other international agreements, to conclude this Agreement:

**ARTICLE 1**

Imports into Iceland of products covered by the European Coal and Steel Community specified in the Annex and originating in the Member States of that Community shall be free of customs duties and charges having an effect equivalent to such duties and of quantitative restrictions and measures having equivalent effect under like conditions to those contained in Articles 19, 20, 21 and 22 and in Protocol No. 3 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland signed this same day.

**ARTICLE 2**

In the event of difficulties or serious threat of difficulties as regards its balance of payments, Iceland may take the necessary safeguard measures.

**ARTICLE 3**

1. The provisions concerning customs duties on imports shall apply to customs duties of a fiscal nature.

Iceland may replace a customs duty of a fiscal nature or the fiscal element of a customs duty by an internal tax.

2. Iceland may retain customs duties of a fiscal nature on imports of products specified in Annex II to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland signed this same day, under the conditions laid down in Article 5 (2) of that Agreement.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Miscellaneous No. 50 (1972), Cmnd. 5182.  
European Communities No. 39 (1974), Cmnd. 5799.

#### ARTICLE 4

Consultations shall be held between the Contracting Parties whenever one of them considers that implementation of the above provisions necessitates such consultations.

#### ARTICLE 5

Should production of a product covered by the European Coal and Steel Community be developed on Icelandic territory, the Contracting Parties shall, at the request of one of them, examine the new situation with a view to revision of the Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 6

Either Contracting Party may denounce the Agreement by notifying the other Contracting Party. The Agreement shall cease to be in force twelve months after the date of such notification.

#### ARTICLE 7

This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate, in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Icelandic, Italian and Norwegian languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.<sup>(2)</sup>

This Agreement will be approved by the Contracting Parties according to their own procedures.

It shall enter into force on 1 January 1973 provided that the Contracting Parties have notified each other before that date that the procedures necessary to this end have been completed.

In the event of application of Article 2 (3) of the Decision of the Council of the European Communities of 22 January 1972 concerning the accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the European Coal and Steel Community,<sup>(3)</sup> this Agreement may take effect only for the States that have deposited the instruments specified in that paragraph.

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<sup>(2)</sup> For texts in Danish, Dutch, French, German and Italian see Official Journal of the European Communities No. L350 of 19 December 1973, available through Agency Section, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, P.O. Box 569, London SE1 9NY. (Tel.: 01-928 6977, ext. 410.)

<sup>(3)</sup> Treaty Series No. 2 (1973), Cmnd. 5189.

After 1 January 1973, this Agreement shall enter into force<sup>(4)</sup> on the first day of the second month following the notification referred to in paragraph 3. The final date for such notification shall be 30 November 1973.

The provisions applicable on 1 April 1973 shall be applied upon the entry into force of this Agreement if it enters into force after that date.

Done at Brussels on this twenty-second day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two.

*[For signatures see page 11]*

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<sup>(4)</sup> Belgium, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, of the one part, and the Republic of Iceland, of the other part, notified each other on 29 November 1973 that the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement had been completed and the Agreement therefore entered into force on 1 January 1974.

# ANNEX

## LIST OF PRODUCTS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1 OF THE AGREEMENT

Brussels Nomenclature heading No.	Description
26.01	Metallic ores and concentrates and roasted iron pyrites: A. Iron ores and concentrates and roasted iron pyrites: II. Other. B. Manganese ores and concentrates, including manganiferous iron ores and concentrates with a manganese content of 20% or more by weight.
26.02	Slag, dross, scalings and similar waste from the manufacture of iron or steel: A. Blast-furnace dust.
27.01	Coal; briquettes, ovoids and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal
27.02	Lignite, whether or not agglomerated
27.04	Coke and semi-coke of coal, of lignite or of peat: A. of coal: II. other B. of lignite.
73.01	Pig iron, cast iron and spiegeleisen, in pigs, blocks, lumps and similar forms
73.02	Ferro-alloys: A. Ferro-manganese: I. containing more than 2% by weight of carbon (high carbonferromanganese).
73.03	Waste and scrapmetal of iron or steel.
73.05	Iron or steel powders; sponge iron or steel: B. Sponge iron or steel.
73.06	Puddled bars and pilings; ingots, blocks, lumps and similar forms, of iron or steel.
73.07	Blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars (including tinplate bars), of iron or steel; pieces roughly shaped by forging, of iron or steel: A. Blooms and billets: I. rolled. B. Slabs and sheet bars (including tinplate bars): I. rolled.
73.08	Iron or steel coils for re-rolling
73.09	Universal plates of iron or steel.

Brussels Nomenclature heading No.	Description
73.10	<p>Bars and rods (including wire rod), of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished (including precision-made); hollow mining drill steel:</p> <p>A. not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded.</p> <p>D. clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated):</p> <p>I. not further worked than clad:</p> <p>(a) hot-rolled or extruded.</p>
73.11	<p>Angles, shapes and sections, of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished; sheet piling of iron or steel, whether or not drilled, punched or made from assembled elements:</p> <p>A. Angles, shapes and sections:</p> <p>I. not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded.</p> <p>IV. clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated)</p> <p>(a) not further worked than clad:</p> <p>1. hot-rolled or extruded.</p> <p>B. Sheet piling.</p>
73.12	<p>Hoop and strip, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled:</p> <p>A. not further worked than hot-rolled.</p> <p>B. not further worked than cold-rolled:</p> <p>I. in coils for the manufacture of tinplate<sup>(a)</sup>.</p> <p>C. clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated:</p> <p>III. tinned:</p> <p>(a) Tinplate.</p> <p>V. other (for example, copper-plated, artificially oxidised, lacquered, nickel-plated, varnished, clad, parkerized, printed):</p> <p>(a) not further worked than clad:</p> <p>1. hot-rolled.</p>
73.13	<p>Sheets and plates, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled:</p> <p>A. "Electrical" sheets and plates:</p> <p>B. other sheets and plates:</p> <p>I. not further worked than hot-rolled.</p> <p>II. not further worked than cold-rolled, of a thickness of:</p> <p>(b) more than 1 mm. but less than 3 mm.</p> <p>(c) 1 mm. or less.</p> <p>III. not further worked than burnished, polished or glazed.</p> <p>IV. clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated:</p> <p>(b) Tinned:</p> <p>1. Tinplate.</p> <p>2. other.</p> <p>(c) zinc-coated or lead-coated.</p> <p>(d) other (for example, copper-plated, artificially oxidized, lacquered, nickel-plated, varnished, clad, parkerized, printed).</p> <p>V. Otherwise shaped or worked:</p> <p>(a) cut into shapes other than rectangular shapes, but not further worked:</p> <p>2. other.</p>

<sup>(a)</sup> Entry under this subheading is subject to conditions to be determined by the competent authorities.

Brussels  
Nomenclature  
heading No.

Description

73.15

Alloy steel and high carbon steel in the forms mentioned in headings  
Nos. 73.06 to 73.14:

A. High carbon steel:

I. Ingots, blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars:  
(b) other.

III. Coils for re-rolling.

IV. Universal plates.

V. Bars and rods (including wire rod) and hollow mining  
drill steel; angles, shapes and sections:

(b) not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded.

(d) clad or surface-worked (for example, polished,  
coated):

1. not further worked than clad:

(aa) hot-rolled or extruded.

VI. Hoop and strip:

(a) not further worked than hot-rolled.

(c) clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated:

1. not further worked than clad:

(aa) hot-rolled.

VII. Sheets and plates:

(a) not further worked than hot-rolled.

(b) not further worked than cold-rolled, of a thickness of:

2. Less than 3 mm.

(c) polished, clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated.

(d) otherwise shaped or worked:

1. cut into shapes other than rectangular shapes.

B. Alloy steel:

I. Ingots, blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars:

(b) other.

III. Coils for re-rolling.

IV. Universal plates.

V. Bars and rods (including wire rod) and hollow mining  
drill steel; angles, shapes and sections:

(b) not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded.

(d) clad or surface-worked (for example, polished,  
coated):

1. not further worked than clad:

(aa) hot-rolled or extruded.

VI. Hoop and strip:

(a) not further worked than hot-rolled.

(c) clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated:

1. not further worked than clad:

(aa) hot-rolled.

VII. Sheets and plates:

(a) "Electrical" sheets and plates

(b) Other sheets and plates:

1. not further worked than hot-rolled.

2. not further worked than cold-rolled, of a thickness  
of:

(bb) less than 3mm.

3. polished, clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated.

4. otherwise shaped or worked:

(aa) cut into shapes other than rectangular  
shapes, but not further worked.

Brussels Nomenclature heading No.	Description
73.16	<p>Railway and tramway track construction material of iron or steel, the following: rails, check-rails, switch blades, crossings (or frogs), crossing pieces, point rods, rack rails, sleepers, fish-plates, chairs, chair wedges, sole plates (base plates), rail clips, bedplates, ties and other material specialized for joining or fixing rails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Rails: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>II. other.</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. Check-rails.</li> <li>C. Sleepers.</li> <li>D. Fish-plates and sole plates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. rolled.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## FINAL ACT

The representatives of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Kingdom of Norway, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, being Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, and of the Republic of Iceland, assembled at Brussels on this twenty-second day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, for the signature of the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Iceland, at the time of signature of this Agreement,

—have adopted the following declaration annexed to this Act:

Joint declaration by the Contracting Parties on a possible revision of the Agreement,

—and have taken note of the following declaration annexed to this Act:

Declaration by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the application of the Agreement to Berlin.

Done at Brussels on this twenty-second day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two.

*[For signatures see page 11]*

## DECLARATIONS

### JOINT DECLARATION BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ON A POSSIBLE REVISION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Contracting Parties declare that if the examination provided for in Article 5 of the Agreement leads them to revise the Agreement, they will draw on the provisions as a whole of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland, particularly those designed to ensure that it functions properly.

As regards the products of Chapter 73 of the Brussels Nomenclature covered by the European Coal and Steel Community, a special safeguard clause will be provided for to enable the Member States of that Community to deal with any distortions or difficulties which might result from the absence in Iceland of the same regulation of prices as is imposed on Community undertakings.

Should Iceland impose on its producers rules similar to those contained in Article 60 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, account being taken of those in Article 70 of that Treaty, in respect of their transactions on the Icelandic and Community markets, the Community will extend the application of the said rules to sales effected by its own producers on Icelandic territory. The special clause in favour of the Community could then be reciprocal. In this case, the Agreement would be open to accession on the part of the European Coal and Steel Community.

### DECLARATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT TO BERLIN

The Agreement is also applicable to Land Berlin, in so far as the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany does not make a declaration to the contrary within three months of the entry into force of the Agreement.

### SIGNATURES TO AGREEMENT AND FINAL ACT

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