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ANNEX III – Special steels

Special steels and fine carbon steels, as they are described in the draft European customs nomenclature agreed to in Brussels by the Tariff Committee during its meeting of July 15, 1950, will be treated in accordance with which of the following three groups they belong to:

- (a) special steels commonly called construction steels, and defined by carbon content below 0,6 percent and of alloys below a total of 8 percent with two or more alloys or 5 percent with only one ⁽¹⁾;
- (b) fine carbon steels with a carbon content between 0,6 and 1,6 percent; special steel alloys, other than those defined in paragraph (a) above, with an alloy content of less than 40 percent with two or more alloys or 20 percent with only one ⁽¹⁾;
- (c) special steels not included in the definitions in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

The products belonging to groups (a) and (b) come within the jurisdiction of the High Authority. For these products, however, the date at which import and export duties or equivalent changes and all quantitative restrictions on their movement within the Community are to be abolished will be postponed until one year after the date fixed for the establishment of the common market for steel. This will permit the study of appropriate methods of application for the Treaty on the basis of the special conditions of the production and the distribution of these categories of products.

For products belonging to group (c), the High Authority will, as soon as the Treaty is signed, undertake studies for the purpose of finding appropriate methods for its application to these various products, taking into consideration the special conditions of their production and distribution; as each of these studies is completed, and within three years at the latest from the date of establishment of the common market, the arrangements to be made for each of these products will be submitted by the High Authority to the Council, which will take a decision in the matter in accordance with the provisions of Article 81. During this period, the products belonging to category (c) will be subject only to statistical control by the High Authority.

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⁽¹⁾ Sulphur, phosphorus, silicon and manganese in amounts normally accepted for ordinary steel are not counted as alloys.