Coal industry: State aid and security of energy supply

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COMMUNITY MEASURE : Commission Decision 2002/871/EC establishing a joint framework for the for the communication of information needed for the application of Council Regulation 1407/2002/EC on State aid to the coal industry. CONTENT : in accordance with Regulation 1407/202/EC, the Commission examines the measures notified by the Member States relating to aid to the coal industry and decides on their conformity. To this end, Member States are required to notify the Commission of all the financial support which they intend to grant to the coal industry during a coal production year. They must specify the nature of the support with reference to the forms of aid provided for in Regulation 1407/2002/EC. They must submit to the Commission all details relevant to the calculation of the production costs and their relationship to the plans notified to the Commission, particularly closure plans and/or plans for accessing coal reserves. In order to be able to evaluate compliance with the conditions and criteria laid down for the granting of aid, the Commission needs to have at its disposal detailed, comparable and verifiable information. Accordingly, a joint framework for the notification by the Member States of closure plans and/or plans for accessing coal reserves and for the notification of aid to the coal industry needs to be established.