

IMPORTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN COAL IN E.E.C. COUNTRIES

1982 - 1986

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Imports of South African coal in EEC countries .1982 - 1986

The EEC is the most important market for South Africa's coal exports.

Annually the 12 EEC countries together consume over half of South

Africa's total coal exports. (Fig. 13; Table 1)

Thus South Africa rather heavily depends on exports to EEC-countries.

The EEC is less dependent on South African coal: About one quarter

of all annual extra-Community coal imports originate from South Africa.

Of all hard coal consumed in EEC countries about 7% is South African

coal. . (Fig. 1A)

In 1986 the main importers of South African coal in the EEC were

Italy (5,4 million tonnes), F.R. Germany (4.0 million tonnes),

Spain (4.0 million tonnes), Denmark (2.7 million tonnes) and

Belgium (2.1 million tonnes). (Fig. 2A-F)

4. In 1986 France drastically reduced its imports of South African

coal, from 6.3 million tons in 1985 to 1.5 million tons in 1986;

a reduction of about 76%. (Fig. 9E)

The share of South African coal in the total coal imports of

France decreased from about 34% in 1985 to about 9% in 1986 (Fig. 2B)

5. Other EEC-countries which considerably reduced their coal imports

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from South Africa in 1986 are Denmark (-24%), Italy (-15%), the

United Kingdom (-57%), Ireland (-70%) and Greece (-19%). (Table 1)

Several EEC countries increased their dependency in South African

coal imports in 1986: F.R. Germany (1 24% imported S.A. coal),

Spain (1 75%), Netherlands (168%), Luxembourg (164%) and

Portugal (111 %) (Table 1)

Altogether the reduction in imported S.A. coal outweighed the

increase in imports; thus the EEC countries together reduced

imports of S.A. coal by 15%. (Table 1)

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