

23/11/2021**FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$5/t to \$767/t (22.11.21), MTD US\$792.73/t.

A deal for 5,000t SS400 HRC was sold at \$780/t cfr South Korea last week, netting back to around \$760/t fob China. An east China mill was heard to have sold same grade coils at \$780/t fob China, but no further details could be confirmed. Demand in Vietnam remained sluggish with local buyers kept silent on offers at \$780-785/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese SS400 HRC.

A Japanese mill sold SAE1006 grade coils at \$850/t cfr Vietnam last week to some local re-rollers, participants said. Japanese coils have a premium of around \$15-20/t over coils from other countries in Vietnam. Offers rose to \$830-850/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese SAE1006 grade coils and at \$840/t cfr Vietnam for Indian coils, inducing no buying interest. (Argus)

EU HRC

Softer demand for downstream products in the European market has hindered hot-rolled coil (HRC) producers' efforts to raise prices for first-quarter deliveries.

The Argus daily Italian HRC index slipped by €3/t to €873.75/t ex-works, while the northwest EU index edged down by €1/t to €953/t ex-works.

Prices for processed coils have been declining amid sluggish demand and competition from steel service centres (SSCs). Pipe prices have weakened as well. Consumers in most sectors appear to have sufficient inventories, while those that do need to buy are aware of the production struggles in the automotive industry and are pushing down on mill prices.

But SSCs are in differing positions, with some needing to keep stocks stable while others are seeking to bring stocks down by the end of the year. Demand is not strong from users, indicating that they do not need to adjust their balance sheets. Italian mills have closed December sales, with perhaps a couple of thousand tonnes available sporadically, depending on conditions. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

S&P Global Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) at \$495/mt CFR Nov. 22, unchanged on the day.

One Turkish mill source cited an indicative tradable value for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$495/mt CFR, while a second Turkish mill source cited an indicative buyer tradable value for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$490/mt CFR.

Sell-side sources said sharply lower prices into Turkey were not possible because of slow scrap collection rates.

"It's difficult to get much of anything these days, and there are freight problems and limitations -- the low water in the Rhine river making transport from the east impossible," an EU recycler said, citing a seller target for Benelux-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$495/mt CFR. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	495.00	0.00	497.66
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	725.00	0.00	731.72
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	953.00	-1.00	971.25
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	767.00	-5.00	792.73

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	775	785	780
Dec-21	740	750	745
Jan-22	740	750	745
Q1-22	733	743	738
Q2-22	705	715	710
Q3-22	675	685	680

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	490	500	495
Dec-21	475	485	480
Jan-22	450	460	455
Q1-22	445	455	440
Q2-22	435	445	440
Q3-22	428	438	433

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	705	715	710
Dec-21	705	715	710
Jan-22	675	685	680
Q1-22	665	675	670
Q2-22	635	645	640
Q3-22	605	615	610

BUSHELING			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	605	615	610
Jan-22	595	605	600
Feb-22	585	595	590
Q1-22	583	593	588
Q2-22	565	575	570
Q3-22	555	565	560

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	1795	1815	1805
Dec-21	1640	1660	1650
Jan-22	1530	1550	1540
Q1-22	1460	1480	1470
Q2-22	1255	1275	1265
Q3-22	1035	1055	1045

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	965	975	970
Dec-21	945	955	950
Jan-22	960	970	965
Q1-22	937	947	942
Q2-22	905	915	910
Q3-22	887	897	892

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