

09/12/2021**FOB China HRC**

The index was flat yesterday (8.12.21) at US\$775/t, MTD US\$771.17/t.

China's passenger car sales in November was estimated to decline by 12.7pc on the year, and down by 6pc from November 2019, data from the China Passenger Car Association shows. In light of the macro economic environment at home and abroad, as well as key indicators for manufacturing sectors, China's steel demand outlook for 2022 is stable or trending weaker and steel prices would be less likely to show robust growth next year, CISA's deputy director Qi Xiuli said.

Two deals for small quantities of Chinese SS400 and SAE1006 grade HRC were heard sold at \$785/t and \$800/t cfr South Korea, respectively in recent two weeks. Offers now are almost unchanged at \$785-820/t fob China for SS400 HRC, including bids much lower at an equivalent of \$750/t fob China. (Argus)

US HRC

The S&P Global Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index was assessed at \$1,700/st EXW Indiana Dec. 8, down \$40 from Dec. 7.

A Midwest service center source said a Midwest mini-mill indicated an initial offer price of \$1,700. The offer level was at previous repeated indicative bids by market sources for small tonnage inquiries. There was one transaction at \$1,660/st for 100 st reported by a Midwest service center. It was the first heard confirmed deal at that price and repeatability at that price level has yet to be verified. (Platts)

EU HRC

Activity was low in the northwest European hot-rolled coil (HRC) market yesterday, as relaxed buyers were in no rush to book ahead of the holidays.

Protracted automotive talks — as original equipment manufacturers are in no rush to buy and happy to call off lower-priced material — were still putting a brake on quarterly and half-yearly contract discussions with general industrial buyers. Some mills discounted their half-yearly contract offers towards €1,000/t from €1,080-1,100/t, but no conclusions have been reached, with buyers content in their stock positions and in no rush to purchase.

Mills were giving mixed messages in their contract talks with service centres and cold-rollers, talking about demand strength next year and rising costs, while trying to get buyers to lock in more volume.

Liquidity remained low, with holidays in some European countries, including Italy. A Visegrad producer sold just over 1,000t of hot-rolled sheet into Germany at around €960/delivered, equating to around €915/t for coil. Argus' daily NW EU HRC index rose to €921.50/t, up by €4.25/t on the day. (Argus)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	469.75	-0.25	475.79
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	712.50	0.00	715.67
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	921.50	4.25	921.21
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	775.00	0.00	771.17

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	760	770	765
Jan-22	770	780	775
Feb-22	760	770	765
Q1-22	760	770	765
Q2-22	730	740	735
Q3-22	702	712	707

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	460	470	465
Jan-22	445	455	450
Feb-22	440	450	445
Q1-22	438	448	422
Q2-22	417	427	422
Q3-22	410	420	415

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	695	705	700
Jan-22	685	695	690
Feb-22	675	685	680
Q1-22	675	685	680
Q2-22	645	655	650
Q3-22	615	625	620

BUSHELING			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	600	610	605
Jan-22	580	590	585
Feb-22	570	580	575
Q1-22	572	582	577
Q2-22	545	555	550
Q3-22	515	525	520

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	1606	1626	1616
Jan-22	1440	1460	1355
Feb-22	1345	1365	1255
Q1-22	1460	1480	1470
Q2-22	1143	1163	1153
Q3-22	1009	1029	1019

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	920	930	925
Jan-22	900	910	905
Feb-22	895	905	900
Q1-22	897	907	902
Q2-22	890	900	895
Q3-22	862	872	867

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