

**25/01/2022****FOB China HRC**

The index kept was flat at US\$752/t on Monday (24.1.22), MTD US\$746.44/t.

Asian steel market runs quietly with China one week ahead of the Lunar New Year holiday. Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), said it authorized local government in Beijing and Hebei to use executive powers to control vehicle transportation and mills' productions to reduce air pollutants for the winter Olympic games.

An eastern China mill kept its offers for SS400 HRC flat at \$790/t fob this week, showing little interest for exports, and other mills have not released new offers yet. Offers from Indian and Chinese SAE 1006 grade coil increased to a similar level of \$790-800/t cfr Vietnam. Japanese and Taiwanese coil were heard being offered at a slightly higher level of \$800-810/t cfr Vietnam. Vietnam market remained quiet with limited buying interest. (Argus)

**Turkish Scrap**

Mills hold back from deepsea market amid temporary production stoppages  
Finished steel demand remains slow

Turkish deepsea import ferrous scrap prices inched down Jan. 24, as mills held back, sources said.

S&P Global Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) Jan. 24 at \$467.50/mt CFR, down \$1.50/mt on day.

"This week, Turkish mills will decide when and how long to stop [production] so there would be minimum demand for deepsea scrap -- shortsea and domestic scrap demand will continue, I think," one mill source said. Several Turkish electric-arc furnace-based (EAF) steel producers announced three-day crude steel production stoppages Jan. 24, due to electricity cuts in the country caused by temporary natural gas supply shortages from Iran.

Platts assessed A3 shortsea scrap at \$452.50/mt CFR Turkey Jan. 24, down \$1.50/mt on day. Some mills were targeting \$445/mt CFR Marmara, but sellers said this was not workable.

A second Turkish mill source cited an indicative tradable value for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$465-\$470/mt CFR but cited a buyer target at \$430-\$435/mt CFR, adding "most of the mills will wait [to buy scrap] due to the low sales volume." (Platts)

**EU HRC**

Italian hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices slipped yesterday, as ample supply offset the firmer sentiment of late.  
Argus' daily Italian HRC index nudged €1.50/t (\$1.70/t) lower to €832.50/t.

Sentiment has been comparatively firm in recent weeks, with participants expecting higher energy costs to support prices. Increases in the tighter hot-dip galvanised coil and cold-rolled segments has also buoyed sentiment, with participants anticipating more material will be allocated to downstream products.

Nonetheless, the index has been rangebound around €820-835/t for most of January. And today availability remains ample, with mills eager to sell and end-user prices still decreasing as service centres compete. In Germany one large service centre was even listing "green steel" on a platform used to sell excess and non-prime material.

Import prices could be another supportive factor, with offers moving to €780-800/t cfr southern Europe, with some of those excluding dumping duties. An Indian producer said it sold around \$900/t cfr (€795/t) for late-March delivery. This is up from lows of €740-760/t cfr around two weeks ago.

An offer from east Europe was heard at €840-845/t delivered Italy, while north EU suppliers were still targeting €850-860/t delivered. While there has been some uptick in automotive buying, large northern mills still have surplus availability. One Scandinavian producer has been informing customers of a crane issue at one site, which has caused it to lose around 50,000t of slab production. Argus' daily NW EU HRC index was static at €911.50/t yesterday. (Argus)

## Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	467.50	-1.50	468.53
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	695.00	-5.00	698.93
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	911.50	0.00	909.38
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	752.00	0.00	746.44

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	750	760	755
Feb-22	760	770	765
Mar-22	760	770	765
Q1-22	757	767	762
Q2-22	750	760	755
Q3-22	720	730	725

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	460	470	465
Feb-22	465	475	470
Mar-22	460	470	465
Q1-22	462	472	453
Q2-22	448	458	453
Q3-22	418	428	423

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	705	715	710
Feb-22	705	715	710
Mar-22	705	715	710
Q1-22	705	715	710
Q2-22	693	703	698
Q3-22	662	672	667

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Feb-22	530	540	535
Mar-22	525	535	530
Apr-22	535	545	540
Q2-22	542	552	547
Q3-22	563	573	568
Q4-22	559	569	564

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	1415	1435	1425
Feb-22	1195	1215	1005
Mar-22	995	1015	960
Q1-22	1202	1222	1212
Q2-22	932	952	942
Q3-22	895	915	905

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	905	915	910
Feb-22	910	920	915
Mar-22	905	915	910
Q1-22	907	917	912
Q2-22	882	892	887
Q3-22	842	852	847

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