

**07/02/2022****FOB China HRC**

The index kept flat last Friday (4.2.22) at US\$759/t, MTD US\$759/t.

Chinese steel export prices kept flat in frozen market liquidity during the holiday, but post-holiday outlook remains bullish with ferrous futures showing a sharp upward trend. Most steel mills in Tangshan city were under production cut from 28 Jan, with local blast furnace capacity utilization rate likely to decrease to around 50pc during Winter Olympic. The production restriction was said to last till mid-March.

Indian SAE1006 grade coils offers rose sharply during the holiday to \$840-860/t cfr Vietnam from \$800/t, inducing no bids. (Argus)

**EU HRC**

Northwest European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices edged up again today, as more deals were reported at higher levels. A producer sold around 5,000t at €940/t delivered Ruhr for April. The daily NW EU HRC index increased by €2/t to €937.75/t.

While prices are increasing, they are not underpinned by strong physical liquidity, as most buyers are content with their stock levels and have not fully bought into the uptrend, certainly on HRC. That said, there is an expectation that the market leader will increase its prices again soon, although this could be on downstream hot-dip galvanised, where upward momentum is much clearer.

A Visegrad mill said it was not making sales against its €950/t offer, while another expected to come back to market at this level early next week.

The Italian market was also quiet, although a large reroller in the country was bidding around \$900/t fob for Turkish HRC. Turkish cold-rolled was offered at €1,005-1,020/t cfr Italy. (Argus)

**US HRC**

The S&P Global Platts TSI Us hot-rolled coil index was assessed at \$1,170/st EXW Indiana Feb. 4, down \$70 from Feb. 3.

A Midwest service center reported an offer at \$1,180/st for 100 st from a Midwest mini-mill. He indicated a likely counter bid at \$1,140-\$1,160/st if the customer inquiry is secured. Another service center received an offer at \$1,160/st base price from a Southern mill but did not disclose the tonnage. The assessment remained above the higher-end of latest Midwest indicative bid, but below the higher-end of latest Midwest offer. (Platts)

## Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	499.00	7.00	491.25
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	730.00	5.00	725.00
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	937.75	2.00	923.13
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	759.00	0.00	759.00

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Feb-22	795	805	800
Mar-22	805	815	810
Apr-22	805	815	810
Q2-22	803	813	808
Q3-22	790	800	795
Q4-22	765	775	770

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Feb-22	495	505	500
Mar-22	495	505	500
Apr-22	490	500	495
Q2-22	482	492	460
Q3-22	455	465	460
Q4-22	425	435	430

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Feb-22	730	740	735
Mar-22	740	750	745
Apr-22	730	740	735
Q2-22	722	732	727
Q3-22	668	678	673
Q4-22	615	625	620

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Feb-22	510	520	515
Mar-22	510	520	515
Apr-22	515	525	520
Q2-22	535	545	540
Q3-22	563	573	568
Q4-22	560	570	565

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Feb-22	1180	1200	1190
Mar-22	1000	1020	970
Apr-22	960	980	950
Q2-22	940	960	950
Q3-22	908	928	918
Q4-22	900	920	910

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Feb-22	935	945	940
Mar-22	950	960	955
Apr-22	940	950	945
Q2-22	930	940	935
Q3-22	900	910	905
Q4-22	870	880	875

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