

07/03/2022**FOB China HRC**

The index rose by \$1/t last Friday (4.3.22) to \$854/t, MTD US\$838/t.

Two major Chinese mills hiked offers by \$25-40/t to \$865-880/t fob China for SS400 HRC after deals done at \$850/t fob in the previous days. One of them was heard to have sold 30,000t HRC to Turkey last week with no further details. Coils supply was tight in Turkey and Europe markets, leaving more opportunities for Chinese cargoes to be sold, despite the high imported tariffs. Most other Chinese mills were silent on offers as they had limited allocation left.

There were limited offers in Vietnamese market, on tight supply from Chinese mills after large quantity of coils being sold. Some traders rose offers by \$20-25/t to \$940-950/t cfr Vietnam from SAE1006 grade coils produced by a large Chinese mill. (Argus)

EU HRC

North European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices continued to climb Friday, although there was little trading going on with most mills off market and stocks still high.

Argus' daily NW EU HRC index rose by €17.00/t to €1,045.25/t Friday and is up by €74.75/t from the first day of this month. The Italian index increased by another €9.25/t to €997.25/t ex-works.

German buyers were concerned that automotive demand may be affected by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has reduced supply of some key metals, such a palladium, as well as components, leading to idled automotive plants. Consequently, they were withholding purchases, given healthy stock levels.

One central and eastern European steelmaker sold overrollings into Poland at about €1,065/t delivered, while some small deals were reported in Germany at €1,040-1,060/t. In Italy offers were still indicated at €1,100-1,150/t, and one mill reportedly sold at €1,080/t delivered, but this could not be confirmed. Sheet prices were on the rise, with some offers as high as €1,250/t.

Egyptian material was reportedly sold into Spain at \$1,200/t cfr effective today, while Japanese cold-rolled coil was offered at €1,100/t. There is an expectation that Chinese downstream products could head to Europe, with the arbitrage being wide enough to factor in duties. HRC import prices were at €1,000/t cfr and above into Italy, with some heard as high as €1,080/t, but offers are few and far between. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

Sellside sources expect \$650/mt-\$680/mt CFR in near-term
Recyclers wary of forward sales amid collection difficulties

Turkish deepsea import ferrous scrap prices climbed sharply March 4 as sellers continued to achieve higher prices with each booking, sources said.

S&P Global Commodity Insights assessed the Platts Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) at \$625/mt CFR March 4, up \$30/mt on day to reach its highest ever level since the assessment began in early 2010. The assessment has jumped \$111/mt on week from \$514/mt CFR, assessed Feb. 25.

"The Turkish market is already about \$100/mt up in the past week, but there are no offers and little-to-no unsold cargoes left, unless someone is taking a position, and selling 6-8 weeks ahead is dangerous," a Baltic recycler said. "March shipment cargoes were sold just two weeks ago around \$500/mt CFR, so most suppliers are collecting for that. The next available shipment date [for fresh bookings] is the end of April, and we're just in the first week of March." A Benelux-origin cargo totaling 30,000 mt was booked March 4 by a Marmara mill at \$625/mt CFR cargo average with 15,000 mt HMS, 7,500 mt shredded scrap, and 7,500 mt bonus scrap. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	625.00	30.00	577.50
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	880.00	35.00	826.88
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	1045.25	17.00	1015.44
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	854.00	1.00	838.00

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	875	905	890
Apr-22	955	985	970
May-22	955	985	970
Q2-22	962	972	967
Q3-22	925	935	930
Q4-22	848	858	853

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	595	605	600
Apr-22	640	650	645
May-22	630	640	635
Q2-22	630	640	600
Q3-22	595	605	600
Q4-22	560	570	565

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	855	865	860
Apr-22	885	895	890
May-22	880	890	885
Q2-22	878	888	883
Q3-22	820	830	825
Q4-22	745	755	750

BUSHELING			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	645	655	650
Apr-22	720	730	725
May-22	715	725	720
Q2-22	710	720	715
Q3-22	675	685	680
Q4-22	661	671	665

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	1195	1215	1075
Apr-22	1465	1485	1450
May-22	1440	1460	1430
Q2-22	1442	1462	1452
Q3-22	1390	1410	1400
Q4-22	1340	1360	1350

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	1240	1260	1250
Apr-22	1210	1230	1220
May-22	1200	1220	1210
Q2-22	1205	1215	1210
Q3-22	1155	1165	1160
Q4-22	1133	1143	1138

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