

21/04/2022**FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$7/t yesterday (20.4.22) to US\$838/t, MTD US\$854.92/t.

Around 5,000-10,000t SS400 HRC produced by a north China mill were sold at \$855/t cfr Vietnam this week. The mill's official offers were at \$850/t fob China, but it had to cut selling prices sharply amid sluggish buying. Other major Chinese mills' offers were above \$850/t fob China, but they may receive orders much lower soon given weak seaborne demand. An east China mill cut its offer by \$10/t to an equivalent of \$865/t fob China. But that level was not attractive at all.

A large Chinese mill sold around 60,000t in total SAE1006 grade coils at \$905/t cfr Vietnam this week. Another north China mill sold 30,000t same grade coils at \$890/t cfr Vietnam last week, but that deal included no 2.0mm thickness coils. (Argus)

EU HRC

Declines continue European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices declined again yesterday on lower import offers and as domestic mills realised, they need to discount to make sales. The Argus daily index fell by €3.50/t to €1,254.25/t ex works, while the daily northwest EU HRC index dropped by €4.25/t to €1,320.25/t.

Offers were heard on the import side at €1,000-1,100/t cfr south Europe. An offer was heard in Spain at €1,140/t cfr from Japan. Buyers reported offers in Iberia at €1,100/t cfr from India, Japan, South Korea and China, including duties. In Italy, offers were similar, although some Indian suppliers were lower, at €1,030/t cfr.

It appears that offers are outstripping demand, with buyers able to purchase from different origins at competitive prices. But many prefer to wait, as they expect prices in Europe to soften further. End-user demand is not strong either, so buyers are less willing to place bets on the market and buy material on lengthy lead times.

There is availability from European mills for June delivery in Italy, and although offers are surpassing the €1,250/t mark, there is an expectation that producers will need to lower prices to receive orders. (Argus)

US HRC

S&P Global Commodity Insights assessed the Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index at \$1,480/st EXW Indiana April 20, unchanged from April 19.

The assessment was unchanged as there were no indications of price movement since the last assessment, with no bids, offers or transactions reported on the day. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	620.00	-7.50	645.48
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	935.00	-7.50	951.88
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	1320.25	-4.25	1345.58
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	838.00	-7.00	855.33

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	875	905	890
May-22	840	870	855
Jun-22	830	860	845
Q2-22	858	868	863
Q3-22	817	827	822
Q4-22	795	805	800

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	640	650	645
May-22	590	600	595
Jun-22	580	590	585
Q2-22	603	613	552
Q3-22	547	557	552
Q4-22	510	520	515

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	955	965	960
May-22	885	895	890
Jun-22	885	895	890
Q2-22	908	918	913
Q3-22	873	883	878
Q4-22	848	858	853

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	Bid	Ask	Value
May-22	715	725	720
Jun-22	645	655	650
Jul-22	635	645	640
Q3-22	615	625	620
Q4-22	555	565	560
Q1-23	495	505	500

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	1455	1475	1465
May-22	1430	1450	1440
Jun-22	1330	1350	1340
Q2-22	1405	1425	1415
Q3-22	1253	1273	1263
Q4-22	1170	1190	1180

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	1280	1300	1290
May-22	1250	1270	1260
Jun-22	1240	1260	1250
Q2-22	1262	1272	1267
Q3-22	1198	1208	1203
Q4-22	1165	1175	1170

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