

22/04/2022**FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$4/t yesterday (21.4.22) to US\$834/t, MTD US\$853.43/t.

HRC inventory held by traders and mills in China increased by nearly 50,000t this week, extending the rising trend for a second week after an increase of nearly 80,000t last week, participants said. HRC inventory level has exceeded year-ago levels, showing demand is weaker than one year ago.

Major Chinese mills and traders were more willing to negotiate prices for firm bids considering weak seaborne and domestic steel demand, falling domestic selling prices and yuan depreciation. Most Chinese mills have not yet received any bids this week, while steel prices in Europe also softened, weighing on the international market sentiment.

Vietnamese buyers could not accept prices above \$850-860/t cfr Vietnam for SS400 HRC as they could purchase positional coils at those prices from local stockists. Sellers were willing to receive orders at \$905/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese SAE1006 grade coils. (Argus)

EU HRC

Market slips on silent trade European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices slipped further yesterday on near-silent activity. One Benelux-based seller sold about 5,000t at €1,300/t on an ex-Ruhr basis, while a German producer was offering at a similar level.

A mill in the Visegrad group of countries was targeting €1,250-1,300/t for HRC but had not made any sales so far. An Italian mill was targeting €1,265/t delivered, but received no demand, according to a trading company.

The market across Europe remained quiet, with some participants on holiday. Many service centres chose not to buy but to consume their own stock instead, matching inflows with outflow as much as possible.

The Italian market was basically silent, with numerous import offers attracting no interest. Indian material was reportedly quoted at €1,010- 1,020/t cif, but there was still little desire to book and not all mills were happy to sell into Italy given vessel queues at key ports.

Argus' daily Italian HRC index slipped by €20.75/t to €1,233.50/t ex-works, while the daily northwest EU marker nudged down by €2.75/t to €1,317.50/t. On CME Group's north European HRC contract, May traded a couple of times at €1,230/t today, while a May June spread traded at €50/t, with outright prices at €1,230- 1,180/t. (Argus)

US HRC

S&P Global Commodity Insights assessed the Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index at \$1,460/st EXW Indiana April 21, down \$20 from April 20. The price dropped on repeatable tradable levels at \$1,460/st but remained above the lowest buy-side indications. A Midwest service center source said HRC at \$1,460-\$1,480/st was achievable based on recent offers. The low-end of the range was more competitive as two other service center sources noted \$1,450/st was a workable level on HRC transactions. One of the service centers said the price was available from a Midwest mini-mill. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	615.00	-5.00	643.13
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	927.50	-7.50	950.00
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	1317.50	-2.75	1343.42
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	834.00	-4.00	853.69

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	1420	1440	1430
Jun-22	1340	1360	1350
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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