

27/04/2022**FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$16/t yesterday (26.4.22) to US\$804/t, MTD US\$847.29/t.

Some Chinese mills are having trouble securing domestic truck delivery services given varied lockdown measures across regions. Export is not filling the gap for domestic sales. Slowing export liquidity also weighed on domestic HRC market, as steel mills were still lacking export bookings for June shipment cargoes.

A north China mill sold around 5,000t SS400 HRC in total at \$810/t cfr Vietnam this week, after deals done at \$825/t fob China last week. Major Chinese mills were silent on offers amid a sharp-falling trend, but traders were actively rushing to cut offers to an equivalent of \$780-825/t fob China.

A large Chinese mill sold around 5,000t SAE1006 grade coils at \$870/t cfr Vietnam last week. Traders cut offers further to \$840-850/t cfr Vietnam for coils produced by other Chinese mills. (Argus)

EU HRC

Low demand weighs Demand for hot-rolled coil (HRC) in Europe has slowed further, as lower import prices continue to push down on buyer expectations, while many mills are conscious about their order books. The Argus daily Italian HRC index slipped by €7/t to €1,226.50/t ex-works, while the northwest EU index dropped by €4/t to €1,296.75/t ex-works.

Some producers have started giving discounts for smaller lots, and many expect leading mills to decrease offers soon to reflect the sluggish demand, lower-priced imports and sellers' need to sell. Some producers are still quoting higher prices and receiving few orders, as they are not in a hurry to close business.

There are expectations that some buyers may return to the market following regional holidays last week and this week. But some participants today said they do not intend to return for the time being. Only speciality-grade HRC is likely to fetch a premium in today's market as they warrant a higher base price, market participants said. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

Fresh ex-UK sale heard at \$555/mt CFR for HMS 1/2 (80:20)
Recyclers continue to lower heavy melting scrap dock pricing

Turkish Deepsea import ferrous scrap prices continued to soften April 26 as a fresh UK-origin sale was heard, sources said. Platts Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) were assessed at \$570/mt CFR April 26, down \$2.50 on the day to its lowest level since March 2, when the assessment was \$550/mt CFR.

A UK-origin cargo was booked by an Izmir mill April 25 with 18,000 mt HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$555/mt CFR. The deal was confirmed by the sellside, with the latest shipment heard for May 20. Two further deals booked April 22 by the same seller were also heard. A US-origin cargo was booked by a Samsun mill April 22 with HMS 1/2 (85:15) at \$586/mt CFR and PNS at \$601/mt CFR, while a UK-origin cargo was booked by the same Izmir mill April 22 with HMS 1/2 (85:15) at \$585/mt CFR. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	570.00	-2.50	631.77
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	910.00	0.00	943.44
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	1296.75	-4.00	1336.02
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	804.00	-16.00	847.13

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	835	865	850
May-22	775	805	790
Jun-22	765	795	780
Q2-22	802	812	807
Q3-22	757	767	762
Q4-22	735	745	740

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	625	635	630
May-22	535	545	540
Jun-22	525	535	530
Q2-22	562	572	513
Q3-22	508	518	513
Q4-22	490	500	495

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	940	950	945
May-22	845	855	850
Jun-22	835	845	840
Q2-22	873	883	878
Q3-22	815	825	820
Q4-22	790	800	795

BUSHELING			
	Bid	Ask	Value
May-22	695	705	700
Jun-22	620	630	625
Jul-22	600	610	605
Q3-22	595	605	600
Q4-22	575	585	580
Q1-23	555	565	560

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	1455	1475	1465
May-22	1370	1390	1380
Jun-22	1210	1230	1220
Q2-22	1345	1365	1355
Q3-22	1107	1127	1117
Q4-22	1037	1057	1047

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	1330	1350	1340
May-22	1140	1160	1150
Jun-22	1080	1100	1090
Q2-22	1188	1198	1193
Q3-22	1035	1045	1040
Q4-22	1005	1015	1010

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