

05/05/2022**FOB China HRC**

The index was flat yesterday (4.5.22) at US\$803/t, MTD US\$803/t.

China's steel sector activity slowed further in April as a renewed Covid-19 outbreak kept affecting steel production, demand and logistics. The steel purchasing managers' index (PMI) fell by 3.8 points from the previous month to 40.5 in April, the China Steel Logistics Professionals Committee said. The market was quiet yesterday with China being off on its May Day holiday. (Argus)

EU HRC

Downwards pressure intensifies European hot-rolled coil prices slipped further yesterday as mills cut offers, and buyers eyed cheaper import levels. The Argus daily Italian HRC index fell by €18.75/t to €1,150.50/t ex-works, while the daily northwest EU HRC index slipped by €28.50/t to €1,200/t.

Argus' daily cold-rolled coil assessment dropped by €35/t to €1,335/t ex-works. Asian HRC was sold into Italy at €950/t cfr for a few thousand tonnes, and some buyers withdrew from talks after negotiating down to €950/t cfr too. Traders said they struggled to find demand at €960/t. Korean HRC was offered at €1,100-1,120/t cfr. There was chatter of a trader, not backed by a mill, inviting bids for material at €900/t cfr, although this has not been verified. Traders said buyers claimed to have such offers in hand for Asian HRC.

Other mainstream offers were heard beneath €1,000/t cfr, at around €980/t cfr. Offers from Asian suppliers were heard at \$1,050-1,060/t cfr too. India is below these prices. Some producers have not updated offers yet, and were heard to have last quoted above €1,000/t cfr, up to €1,050/t cfr inclusive of duties. Some expectations were heard for Egypt to return to the market at around the \$1,100/t fob mark.

End-user demand in Italy has not been strong over the past month, with buyers pausing purchasing, but some pick up is expected by many later at the end of May, although nothing strong enough to push prices up considerably. The automotive and white goods sectors are underperforming, so SSCs output and consumption is on the decline. (Argus)

US HRC

S&P Global Commodity Insights assessed the Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index at \$1,440/st EXW Indiana May 4, unchanged from May 3.

The current level was at the midpoint of a mini-mill's indicative tradable value range. Other indicative tradable values and one indicative offer heard in the market were below the assessment level. However, there were no firms bids, offers, or transactions reported on the day to test these levels. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	539.00	-1.00	539.50
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	882.50	-5.00	885.00
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	1200.00	-28.50	1214.25
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	803.00	0.00	803.00

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
May-22	795	825	810
Jun-22	785	815	800
Jul-22	765	795	780
Q3-22	760	770	765
Q4-22	735	745	740
Q1-23	705	715	710

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
May-22	529	539	534
Jun-22	520	530	525
Jul-22	515	525	520
Q3-22	508	518	495
Q4-22	490	500	495
Q1-23	465	475	470

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
May-22	845	855	850
Jun-22	835	845	840
Jul-22	825	835	830
Q3-22	815	825	820
Q4-22	790	800	795
Q1-23	765	775	770

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	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
May-22	1370	1390	1380
Jun-22	1230	1250	1240
Jul-22	1145	1165	1155
Q3-22	1125	1145	1135
Q4-22	1055	1075	1065
Q1-23	980	1000	990

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
May-22	1140	1160	1150
Jun-22	1080	1100	1090
Jul-22	1040	1060	1050
Q3-22	1035	1045	1040
Q4-22	1005	1015	1010
Q1-23	977	987	982

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