

19/07/2022**FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$3/t yesterday (18.7.22) to US\$580/t, MTD US\$610.91/t.

China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission (CBIRC) will ensure the stability and sustainability of financial policy to the real estate sector, it said on 15 July afternoon. The CBIRC also said they will work together with the local governments and other related departments to promote completion completion of building constructions and ensure market stability and protect people's livelihood.

Major Chinese mills were silent considering the wide spread between offers and bids, with only two mills offering at \$600/t and \$650/t fob China for SS400 HRC. Those levels were far above traders offers at \$590/t cfr Vietnam. Vietnamese buyers bid at \$565/t cfr Vietnam, below sellers' acceptable levels. A deal for Chinese SS400 HRC was heard concluded at \$540-550/t cfr Vietnam last week, but no further details could be confirmed and participants thought those levels were too low to represent the mainstream market levels. The market was sluggish in Vietnam and only limited sellers were offering at \$600-605/t cfr Vietnam for SAE1006 grade coils from China and India. Some traders cut offers to \$590/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese mills. (Argus)

EU HRC

Italy jumps, north quieter European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices rose again yesterday, as mills increased offers and signalled higher prices going forward. Argus' daily Italian HRC index rose by €28.25/t to €781.25/t ex-works, while the daily northwest EU HRC index nudged up by €1.25/t to €815.75/t. Italian buyers reported offers around €800-830/t exworks today, although one sale of pickled and oiled material was concluded at €765/t base. An Italian mill plans to increase its offer to €820-850/t ex-works.

Although sentiment seems much firmer on the sell-side, not all purchasers have bought into the rally and some are still unwilling to book, preferring to see where prices settle. Some have closed deals, however. Import prices have risen, with last week's offers seemingly not available anymore.

Indian HRC was offered at €760-770/t cif south Europe, but buyers' targets were around €720-730/t cif. The north European market was quieter today after a flurry of activity late last week. Buyers were targeting around €800/t delivered from second-tier producers, while larger German mills have been closing orders at €800-820/t with some buyers in the past few days. (Argus)

US HRC

The daily Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index was assessed unchanged at \$900/st on an ex-works Indiana basis July 18, according to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights. The assessment remained unchanged based on no new firm bids, offers or transactions with no indications of changing market conditions from prior assessment. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	405.00	-2.50	401.19
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	700.00	0.00	693.75
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	815.75	1.25	816.69
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	580.00	-3.00	610.91

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jul-22	600	630	615
Aug-22	560	590	575
Sep-22	570	600	585
Q3-22	587	597	592
Q4-22	590	600	595
Q1-23	615	625	620

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jul-22	405	415	410
Aug-22	365	375	370
Sep-22	363	373	368
Q3-22	378	388	360
Q4-22	355	365	360
Q1-23	340	350	345

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jul-22	690	700	695
Aug-22	650	660	655
Sep-22	630	640	635
Q3-22	657	667	662
Q4-22	617	627	622
Q1-23	605	615	610

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Aug-22	477	487	482
Sep-22	475	485	480
Oct-22	470	480	475
Q4-22	465	475	470
Q1-23	452	462	457
Q2-23	445	455	450

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jul-22	905	925	915
Aug-22	825	845	835
Sep-22	820	840	830
Q3-22	850	870	860
Q4-22	840	860	850
Q1-23	868	888	878

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jul-22	800	820	810
Aug-22	800	820	810
Sep-22	795	815	805
Q3-22	803	813	808
Q4-22	782	792	787
Q1-23	763	773	768

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