

**29/07/2022****FOB China HRC**

The index rose by \$8/t yesterday (28.7.22) to US\$588/t, MTD US\$598.79/t.

Traders and producers' steel inventories fell by 1.12mn t from last week to 18.36mn t this week, market participants said. The inventory fall was higher than last week's inventory drop of 950,000t and was also the sharpest weekly decrease since February this year. The US Federal Reserve's decision to increase interest rate by 75 basis points also lifted sentiment, as the central bank hinted that rate hike could slow in the future, traders said.

A north China mill's HRC was estimated at an equivalent of \$590/t fob yesterday, up by \$10/t on day. An eastern China mill also lifted its offer to \$590-595/t fob after deals were closed at \$580/t in the past two days. Traders raised offers from \$590-610/t cfr Vietnam to \$600-620/t cfr and some Vietnamese buyers lifted their target level from \$570-580/t cfr to \$580-585/t cfr. A Chinese mill raised SAE1006 grade coils offer to \$625/t cfr Vietnam. Some Chinese mills withdrew export offers from the market to wait for clearer domestic price trend in following days. (Argus)

**EU HRC**

Market slips further North European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices slipped yesterday as mills discounted offers to try and fill low rolling programmes. Visegrad-based producers reported selling into Germany at the equivalent of about €800/t ex-works Ruhr, although Italian sellers said their northern customers have told them of much lower levels, closer to €700/t.

One north European mill has been selling into Italy in the low €700s/t delivered to move excess tonnes, given slow trade in Germany and the Benelux. Smaller mills said their production costs were close to €800/t given rising gas costs, which they hope means the market is close to bottoming. Argus' daily northwest EU HRC index slipped to €790.75/t today. The Argus daily Italian HRC index fell by €7.50/t today to €761/t ex-works.

The weekly cif Italy assessment fell by €30/t to €685/t cif. Deals were last heard to have concluded at €720-760/t delivered, and even if sellers are offering at €780-820/t delivered and above, buyers are not accepting at these levels. There have also been rumours in the market about deals to big buyers from EU mills at close to import levels. (Argus)

**US HRC**

The daily Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index was unchanged at \$840/st on an ex-works Indiana basis July 28, according to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights.

The assessment remained unchanged at the repeatable tradable value from a service center and trader at \$840/st. In addition, a Midwest buyer was offered \$840/st for 3,000 st by an undisclosed mill. The price did not receive a counter bid. The buyer did not receive any more competitive offer levels. (Platts)

## Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	350.00	-2.50	388.81
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	630.00	-7.50	684.00
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	790.75	-2.75	811.51
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	588.00	8.00	598.79

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jul-22	590	620	605
Aug-22	585	615	600
Sep-22	580	610	595
Q3-22	595	605	600
Q4-22	580	590	585
Q1-23	565	575	570

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jul-22	395	405	400
Aug-22	340	350	345
Sep-22	335	345	340
Q3-22	357	367	330
Q4-22	325	335	330
Q1-23	310	320	315

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jul-22	675	685	680
Aug-22	630	640	635
Sep-22	625	635	630
Q3-22	643	653	648
Q4-22	615	625	620
Q1-23	605	615	610

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Aug-22	475	485	480
Sep-22	460	470	465
Oct-22	455	465	460
Q4-22	450	460	455
Q1-23	435	445	440
Q2-23	420	430	425

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jul-22	905	925	915
Aug-22	840	860	850
Sep-22	835	855	845
Q3-22	860	880	870
Q4-22	840	860	850
Q1-23	868	888	878

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jul-22	795	815	805
Aug-22	795	815	805
Sep-22	795	815	805
Q3-22	800	810	805
Q4-22	795	805	800
Q1-23	788	798	793

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