

02/08/2022**Turkish Scrap**

Recyclers maintain offers at \$350/mt
Turkish mills target \$330/mt CFR amid energy costs hike

Turkish deepsea import ferrous scrap prices stayed stable Aug. 1, as sellers opt not to drop to Turkish mills' buyer targets, sources said. Platts assessed the Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) Aug. 1 at \$347.50/mt CFR, unchanged from July 29, according to S&P Global Commodity Insights. "We can only hope for the time being that prices don't fall any further," an agent source said after describing how the holiday period, hot weather and poor signs of recovery from China is creating negative market sentiment. "Finished steel demand isn't good, even in protected markets like the US and Europe."

The agent also elaborated on why recyclers are unwilling to drop offer prices, stating that "Europe's collection prices are too high to sell at those levels [below \$350/mt CFR]." There is also interest for scrap from other regions, which is helping to keep offers firm, according to a trader. India, China and Egypt are said to be importing scrap at the moment. "350/mt CFR doesn't work for Turkey, but elsewhere prices might be better," said the trader. (Platts)

FOB China HRC

The index rose by \$8/t yesterday (1.8.22) to US\$596/t, MTD US\$596/t.

Market sentiment was lifted by the sharp rise of billet price over the weekend and physical trade also picked up. Some steel mills in north China's Hebei province were called to cut sintering output by 50-60pc till 5 August, but no official announcement was seen at the time of writing.

Two Chinese mills lifted offers by around \$10-20/t to \$610-625/t fob China for SS400 HRC after witnessing the rise in domestic prices. Traders also pushed up offers to \$620-640/t cfr Vietnam. Large Chinese mills were reluctant to sell below \$635-640/t cfr Vietnam.

Traders lifted offers to \$620-640/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese SAE1006-grade coils, inducing bids at \$600/t cfr Vietnam. Indian SAE grade coils were workable at \$600-610/t cfr Vietnam, but Indian mills may follow China to push up offers. A Japanese mill offer for SAE-grade coils was heard at \$630/t cfr Vietnam (Argus)

US HRC

US hot-rolled coil prices were unchanged Aug. 1 as the market appeared to be gearing up for a near-term price floor, sources said. The daily Platts US HRC index was assessed at \$840/st on an ex-works basis, according to S&P Global Commodity Insights data.

One Midwest buy-side source said tradable value remained at \$820-\$840/st on Aug. 1, according to his customer conversations, which also mentioned a slight uptick in activity with more inquiries and some orders.

The source mentioned a mini mill maintaining offers at \$900/st, but did not indicate whether the level was inciting any

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	347.50	0.00	347.50
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	610.00	-5.00	610.00
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	800.25	9.50	800.25
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	596.00	8.00	596.00

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Aug-22	825	845	835
Sep-22	825	845	835
Oct-22	860	880	870
Q4-22	870	890	880
Q1-23	910	930	920
Q2-23	920	940	930

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Aug-22	815	835	825
Sep-22	820	840	830
Oct-22	830	850	840
Q4-22	840	850	845
Q1-23	835	845	840
Q2-23	820	830	825

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Aug-22	610	640	625
Sep-22	615	645	630
Oct-22	620	650	635
Q4-22	630	640	635
Q1-23	610	620	615
Q2-23	580	590	585

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Aug-22	355	365	360
Sep-22	360	370	365
Oct-22	365	375	370
Q4-22	370	380	375
Q1-23	370	380	375
Q2-23	360	370	365

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Aug-22	625	635	630
Sep-22	625	635	630
Oct-22	630	640	635
Q4-22	630	640	635
Q1-23	620	630	625
Q2-23	620	630	625

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Aug-22	35	45	40
Sep-22	465	475	470
Oct-22	470	480	475
Q4-22	475	485	480
Q1-23	475	485	480
Q2-23	465	475	470

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