

**20/09/2022****FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$2/t yesterday (19.9.22) to US\$569/t, MTD US\$570.69/t.

Tangshan, China's steel production hub, reported several Covid-19 cases on 18 September and announced a lockdown in its Fengrun district from 18-20 September. Tangshan's re-rolling mills are concentrated in Fengrun, and the lockdown has slowed local billet consumption.

Three major Chinese mills kept offers unchanged at \$580-610/t fob China for SS400 HRC, while a north China mill cut its offer by \$5/t to \$605/t fob China, aiming to induce buying because of lukewarm seaborne demand. Some traders cut offers to \$580/t cfr Vietnam as they expect mills to cut prices soon because of sluggish buying. The currency depreciation was another factor that pushed down seaborne prices. Sellers cut offers to \$585-610/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese SAE1006-grade coils, inducing bids at \$590-595/t cfr Vietnam. (Argus)

**US HRC**

Platts assessed the daily TSI US hot-rolled coil index at \$800/st on an ex-works Indiana basis Sept. 19, unchanged from the previous assessment.

A Canadian service center indicated value in the \$800-\$820/st range. The same source also received an offer at \$830/st for 80-100 st, noting that the mill was willing to negotiate. A Midwest service center source said value was at \$800/st, while a trader reported tradable value in the \$760-\$800/st range. (Platts)

**Taiwan Scrap**

Taiwan's Feng Hsin cuts domestic scrap, rebar prices amid weak demand

Bids fall on week to T\$11,200/mt

Seaborne scrap prices also decline

Taiwan's largest electric arc furnace-based steelmaker Feng Hsin Iron and Steel cut local scrap prices amid cautious buying and muted demand in the market, a mill source said Sept. 19. Bids for domestic HMS 1/2 80:20 grade fell by T\$300/mt (\$10/mt) on the week to T\$11,200/mt (\$356/mt) Sept. 19 for deliveries to its Taichung mill, excluding value-added taxes.

"[Containerized] scrap market is going down, all [are] cautious about the situation," said the mill source, adding that the US dollar had appreciated vis-a-vis the Taiwanese dollar to \$1/T\$31, which led to lowered containerized demand. The source cited a "not good" Turkey import market for US containerized 80:20 scrap as a secondary factor for prices weakening. Feng Hsin also decreased its rebar listed prices by T\$500/mt to T\$19,800/mt for material of 12-21 mm diameters, ex-factory and excluding value added tax. Seaborne offers to Taiwan remained steady at \$355/mt CFR Taiwan Sept. 19, but few bids were heard.

"The market considered \$350/mt but bids tomorrow are below [levels] now," a trader source said, adding that mills were seeing weakness in the market and thus were in "no rush" to purchase cargoes. Platts assessed the price of seaborne daily containerized HMS 1/2 80:20 scrap to Taiwan at \$362/mt CFR Taiwan Sept. 19. (Platts)

## Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	PUB HOL	N/A	366.90
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	PUB HOL	N/A	669.58
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	PUB HOL	N/A	757.92
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	469.00	0.00	563.00

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-22	565	595	580
Oct-22	575	605	590
Nov-22	595	625	610
Q4-22	605	615	610
Q1-23	640	650	645
Q2-23	657	667	662

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-22	360	370	365
Oct-22	342	352	347
Nov-22	350	360	355
Q4-22	349	359	361
Q1-23	356	366	361
Q2-23	359	369	364

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-22	675	685	680
Oct-22	645	655	650
Nov-22	655	665	660
Q4-22	653	663	658
Q1-23	640	650	645
Q2-23	612	622	617

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Oct-22	410	420	415
Nov-22	415	425	420
Dec-22	425	435	430
Q4-22	417	427	422
Q1-23	462	472	467
Q2-23	498	508	503

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-22	800	820	810
Oct-22	790	810	800
Nov-22	800	820	810
Q4-22	798	818	808
Q1-23	838	858	848
Q2-23	878	898	888

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-22	790	810	800
Oct-22	755	775	765
Nov-22	775	795	785
Q4-22	777	787	782
Q1-23	807	817	812
Q2-23	857	867	862

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