

**09/11/2022****FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$2/t yesterday (8.11.22) to US\$515/t, MTD US\$517.5/t.

An east China mill offered at \$520/t fob China for SS400 HRC and were willing to take orders at \$505/t fob China. That indicated the poor domestic sales as the mill had not been active in the seaborne market. Other major Chinese mills held offers at \$520-540/t fob China and were reluctant to take orders below \$515/t fob China considering firm domestic sales prices. Traders offered at \$515/t cfr Vietnam, inducing bids at \$505/t cfr Vietnam for early December shipment and \$490/t cfr Vietnam for January shipment cargoes. Offers were unchanged at \$540-550/t cfr Vietnam for SAE1006-grade coil from China, Taiwan and Japan, inducing no buying interest as Vietnamese buyers were not in a hurry to place orders for January shipment coils. They could still secure prompt coil from stockists. Only a few customers bid at \$510/t cfr Vietnam, far below sellers' acceptable levels. Market talks emerged that Japanese mills were willing to receive orders at \$530/t cfr Vietnam, but most participants were skeptical on that level, citing Japanese mills could sell much higher into other countries like India. Nevertheless, sentiment remained bearish in Vietnam with slow liquidity, local participants added. (Argus)

**Turkish Scrap**

Turkish deepsea import scrap prices remained stable as the lack of fresh premium scrap deals gave no clear price direction, while indications from sources in the supply chain were moving sideways, sources said. An agent source said that inquiries from buyers were scarce, but there were seven or eight offers for scrap available in the market. Sentiment was still bleak due to the poor demand for Turkish rebar and no positive outlook for a rebar price upswing in the short-term. In such circumstances, a rebound in imported scrap prices seemed unlikely. However, suppliers may resist further price cuts for the Turkish market if the demand in India and Bangladesh stays healthy. Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) at \$350/mt CFR Nov. 8, unchanged from Nov. 7. A Turkish mill source said he was not in the market, but if he was, he would have to pay \$350/mt CFR for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) this week. He believed that by next week, the pricing may soften to \$340- \$345/mt CFR. He said that even \$330/mt CFR might become workable for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) unless India continues to give support. For shortsea scrap cargoes, the mill source was not willing to pay more than \$300/mt CFR, even though he was aware this level was not acceptable for recyclers. (Platts)

**EU HRC**

European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices dropped further yesterday amid continued weak demand. The Argus daily Italian HRC index slipped by €5/t to €636.50/t ex-works, while the northwest EU HRC index nudged down by €4.75/t to €650.50/t. The twice weekly HRC cif Italy assessment fell by €5/t to €600/t, while the weekly cold-rolled coil (CRC) assessment decreased by €15/t to €735/t ex-works. An Italian seller was able to reach under €650/t delivered, with multiple market participants reporting €640/t delivered offered for large volumes. The seller in question is reportedly prioritising HRC sales over CRC and HDG, as the cost of galvanising is too high, whereas demand for CRC is too poor. Sellers have December availability. In addition, domestic sellers are finding it hard to compete with import prices — today Japan was heard to have offered CRC at \$660-670/t cif Italy for end January shipment, whereas South Korean material was on offer officially at \$690-695/t cfr, but this level was negotiable, with several buyers reporting prices at \$680-685/t cfr this week. Bids were heard from a few market participants for Asian material at €600/t cfr. Japan was heard to offer at \$600- 620/t cif today. In the north, mills were offering around €670-680/t, but most buyers were not interested in light of imports at lower levels, and given their expectations prices would decline further going forward. Service centres continued to destock. Import offers into Antwerp were heard around €610/t cfr for February-March arrival, although with arrival into March, many buyers were not interested. Northern mills continued to offer into southern Europe at competitive levels of around €650/t delivered, and there was an expectation they would drop lower for firm interest. With most of the market concentrating on reducing stocks, some expected prices could rebound in the first quarter. (Argus)

## Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	350.00	0.00	352.17
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	640.00	0.00	645.00
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	650.50	-4.75	655.63
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	515.00	-2.00	517.50

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-22	515	545	530
Dec-22	520	550	535
Jan-23	530	560	545
Q1-23	545	555	550
Q2-23	563	573	568
Q3-23	580	590	585

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-22	347	357	352
Dec-22	337	347	342
Jan-23	340	350	345
Q1-23	342	352	357
Q2-23	352	362	357
Q3-23	359	369	364

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-22	623	633	628
Dec-22	619	629	624
Jan-23	620	630	625
Q1-23	616	626	621
Q2-23	609	619	614
Q3-23	603	613	608

BUSHELING			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-22	350	360	355
Dec-22	355	365	360
Jan-23	380	390	385
Q1-23	390	400	395
Q2-23	418	428	423
Q3-23	472	482	477

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-22	665	685	675
Dec-22	635	655	645
Jan-23	655	675	665
Q1-23	673	693	683
Q2-23	705	725	715
Q3-23	735	755	745

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-22	645	665	655
Dec-22	635	655	645
Jan-23	655	675	665
Q1-23	675	685	680
Q2-23	708	718	713
Q3-23	730	740	735

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