# Steel and Scrap Report

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#### **Turkish Scrap HMS 80:20**

Turkish import deepsea scrap prices softened on Jan. 20, as Turkish mills pushed for lower levels amid poor finished steel demand, but suppliers continued to resist further drops. Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) at \$400/mt CFR Jan. 20, down \$7 on the day. An Iskenderun mill booked a Baltic-origin cargo totaling 35,000 mt with 19,500 mt HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$400/mt CFR, as well as 5,700 mt of bonus scrap and 4,000 mt shredded scrap at \$420/mt CFR. The cargo also contained 2,000 mt of rail scrap and 3,800 mt of bushelling/oxy plate. Both the buyer and the seller confirmed the deal for latest shipment March 10.

Following the 4:30 pm UK time pricing deadline on Jan. 20, a US-origin cargo was heard booked by an Izmir mill with HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$410/mt CFR and bonus scrap at \$430/mt CFR. "Friday there is stronger demand for scrap, it looks like we hit the bottom," one Turkey-based agent source said. A second agent source cited an indicative seller tradable value for US-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$410/mt CFR. "Steel mills in Turkey struggle as they have almost no export [sales] at all and, while the domestic market was good after the new year," another Turkey-based trader said. "It's now quiet, which is why they want to drop scrap to \$400/mt CFR, but I am not sure they can buy much scrap for this price." A Turkish mill source cited an indicative tradable value for Balticorigin HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$400/mt CFR and below, but accepted that US-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) was not yet workable at \$400/mt CFR. (Platts)

#### EU HRC

North European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices slipped again Friday as some sellers rolled over their offers from last week, despite others withdrawing and probably returning at higher levels. Argus' daily northwest EU HRC index fell by  $\in 6/t$  to  $\notin 733.75/t$  ex-works, as producers reported sales around  $\notin 740/t$  delivered base. There was concern among market participants about real demand being sufficient enough to lead to further buying by service centres — some said they are able to pass off higher coil costs, but customers are still pushing back citing aggressive offers from others. Talk of furnace restarts, and US Steel Kosice restarting blast furnace one just a month after it said it would be idled, also spooked some buyers. Major producers remain off market and are expected to return at  $\notin 800$  and perhaps even higher in the coming days. The slippage in northwest prices means Italy is trading at a  $\notin 6/t$  premium — the highest level since 24 October 2022, when it was at a  $\notin 6.75/t$  premium. The headline Italian index was stable at  $\notin 739.75/t$  Friday. (Argus)

### **Market Rates**

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	400	-7.00	411.79
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	685	-4.00	687.75
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	733.75	-6.00	713.54

US HRC USD/short ton							
	Bid Ask Value						
Jan-23	706	716	711				
Feb-23	764	774	769				
Mar-23	780	790	785				
Q1-23	750	760	755				
Q2-23	792	802	797				
Q3-23	807	817	812				

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt							
	Bid Ask Value						
Jan-23	623	633	628				
Feb-23	645	655	650				
Mar-23	645	655	650				
Q1-23	638	648	643				
Q2-23	647	657	652				
Q3-23	651	661	656				

LME REBAR FOB TK						
	Bid Ask Value					
Jan-23	678	688	683			
Feb-23	675	685	680			
Mar-23	675	685	680			
Q1-23	676	686	681			
Q2-23	673	683	678			
Q3-23	672	682	677			

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton							
	Bid Ask Value						
Jan-23	724	734	729				
Feb-23	765	775	770				
Mar-23	775	785	780				
Q1-23	755	765	760				
Q2-23	782	792	787				
Q3-23	788	798	793				

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK							
Bid Ask Value							
Jan-23	405	415	410				
Feb-23	407	417	412				
Mar-23	408	418	413				
Q1-23	407	417	412				
Q2-23	409	419	414				
Q3-23	408	418	413				

BUSHELING								
	Bid Ask Value							
Feb-23	445	455	450					
Mar-23	445	455	450					
Apr-23	455	465	460					
Q2-23	463	473	468					
Q3-23	465	475	470					
Q4-23	470	480	475					

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## **Spread Moves**

Metal	Front Mth	Back Mth	Current Spread	T-1₩	T-1M	Т-3М	T-12M	Tight/Eased T-1₩
	JAN 23	FEB 23	-55	-43	-26	-6	0	Eased
	JAN 23	MAR 23	-71	-68	-37	-20	0	Eased
US HRC	JAN 23	APR 23	-81	-86	-37	-26	4	Tightened
US HILC	FEB 23	MAR 23	-16	-25	-11	-14	0	Tightened
	FEB 23	APR 23	-26	-43	-11	-20	4	Tightened
	MAR 23	APR 23	-10	-18	0	-6	4	Tightened
	JAN 23	FEB 23	-39	-39	-15	-5	5	Unchanged
	JAN 23	MAR 23	-47	-54	-25	-20	10	Tightened
EU HRC	JAN 23	APR 23	-70	-57	-10	-25	80	Eased
LUTING	FEB 23	MAR 23	-8	-15	-10	-15	5	Tightened
	FEB 23	APR 23	-31	-18	5	-20	75	Eased
	MAR 23	APR 23	-23	-3	15	-5	70	Eased
	FEB 23	FEB 23	307	308	339	331	294	Eased
	MAR 23	MAR 23	323	333	345	345	294	Eased
Mill Margin	APR 23	APR 23	318	336	350	336	290	Eased
	MAY 23	MAY 23	324	340	350	336	260	Eased
	JUN 23	JUN 23	332	345	343	346	260	Eased
	FEB 23	FEB 23	-2	11	44	46	-41	Eased
	MAR 23	MAR 23	6	21	45	45	-36	Eased
Atlantic Spread (US-EU)	APR 23	APR 23	-7	36	60	46	30	Eased
	MAY 23	MAY 23	9	35	60	36	0	Eased
	JUN 23	JUN 23	17	30	50	36	0	Eased

## **Front Month Price Grid**

Field	US HRC	US BUS	N¥ EUR HRC	LME SCRAP TK	LME HRC FOB	LME REBAR TK	TimeFrame
	715	460	724	408	625	685	Current
	725	460	718	410	625	680	T-1¥
	763	450	730	384	608	655	T-1M
PRICE	725	400	680	359	564	650	T-3M
	875	477	810	358	625	630	T-6M
	834	540	880	413	757	654	T-12M
	744	455	720	417	645	690	YTD

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