

FIS Steel and Scrap Report

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Turkish Scrap

Turkish deepsea imported scrap prices remained firm on March 8, with some buyers expecting further upside in the short term. Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) at \$457.50/mt CFR March 8, up 75 cents/mt on day. One Turkish mill source cited an indicative tradable value for US-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) around \$457/mt CFR, but expected prices to rise in the short term. A second mill source cited an indicative buyer tradable value for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$450-\$452/mt CFR, citing more offer availability. "We still think scrap is going to go up a bit more," one Turkish mill source said, citing an indicative tradable value for US-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) around \$457/mt CFR. The mill source added that melting scrap remained more competitive than importing dutyfree billet from Malaysia, for which offers of \$650-\$670/mt CFR Turkey were considered too high. An EU recycler cited a seller tradable value for US-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$462/mt CFR, and a reported bid for US-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$458-\$460/mt CFR, but further details were unavailable. The recycler considered \$458-\$460/mt CFR to be workable for US-origin material.

"The US Federal Reserve indicating more interest rate hikes is bad for commodity markets — the euro is down to \$1.055, and \$450-\$460/mt CFR has already been reached for scrap," the second mill source said. "Many cargoes are available — almost every supplier has a cargo, so I think the new deals will be down a bit, but the downtrend will be limited to a \$10-\$20/mt drop, which may even help suppliers with high collection costs." (Platts)

FOB China HRC

The index rose by \$1/t yesterday (8.3.23) to US\$655/t, MTD US\$647.17/t. A major north China mill was planning to overhaul an HRC production line for 15 days from 4 March, cutting 7,000t/d HRC output. Another mill in south China planned a maintenance on a blast furnace from 5 March, cutting 8,000t/d hot metal output, with the restart date undisclosed. An east China mill lifted its offer by \$5/t to \$680/t fob China after selling out April shipment cargoes. Other major Chinese mills held offers unchanged at \$670-695/t fob China for SS400 HRC. Demand from Turkey, Middle East and Thailand was stronger than from other regions, with deals concluded at around \$670/t fob China last week.

A north China mill sold a small quantity of SS400 HRC at \$680/t fob China this week to Middle East, but that level was too high to be accepted by major seaborne buyers, market participants said. Some smaller Chinese mills and trading firms with positional cargoes were willing to take orders at an equivalent of \$630-640/t fob China, but no deals were concluded. Buyers in Vietnam were cautious as local trade slowed with no stimulus policies expected in the near future. The Vietnamese market was quiet with no changes in offers at \$700-710/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese SAE1006-grade coil. Vietnamese buyers were silent, reluctant to place orders because of weak downstream steel demand and an uncertain outlook. (Argus)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	457.5	0.75	454.63
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	740	0.00	740.00
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	817	0.00	814.29
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	655.00	1.00	647.17
US HRC CRU	1017.00	109.00	962.50
No.1 BUS	470.00	50.00	520.00

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-23	460	470	465
Apr-23	458	468	463
May-23	458	468	463
Q2-23	458	468	463
Q3-23	454	464	459
Q4-23	446	456	451

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-23	1054	1064	1059
Apr-23	1249	1259	1254
May-23	1229	1239	1234
Q2-23	1221	1231	1226
Q3-23	968	978	973
Q4-23	900	910	905

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-23	737	747	742
Apr-23	743	753	748
May-23	746	756	751
Q2-23	680	690	685
Q3-23	750	760	680
Q4-23	757	767	678

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-23	846	856	851
Apr-23	884	894	889
May-23	890	900	895
Q2-23	877	887	882
Q3-23	838	848	843
Q4-23	814	824	819

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-23	665	675	670
Apr-23	681	691	686
May-23	681	691	686
Q2-23	680	690	685
Q3-23	675	685	680
Q4-23	673	683	678

BUSHELING			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-23	535	545	540
Apr-23	585	595	590
May-23	575	585	580
Q2-23	578	588	583
Q3-23	545	555	550
Q4-23	519	529	524

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