

HOT MARKET TRENDS

POSCO switches on 2.5 Mt/y Gwangyang EAF

POSCO confirmed completion of its 2.5 million mt/yr electric arc furnace at Gwangyang, moving the Korean major into full-scale low-carbon steel production. Marks a structural lift in Pacific-basin ferrous scrap import demand — a permanent new EAF buyer layered on top of the existing Indian/SE Asian pull, supportive of paper bids through 2027.

Turkish mill margins squeezed — scrap-rebar spread \$184/mt

Turkish rebar mills pushed scrap offers lower into soft downstream demand — exported rebar held at \$585/mt FOB Turkey, domestic offers slipping to \$590–595. Scrap-to-rebar spread sat at \$184/mt, well under historical breakeven. Risk skews to deepsea scrap demand stalling further if Turkish mill output keeps drifting and Med-basin EAFs trim runs.

MARKET COMMENTARY

STEEL SCRAP

- **Turkey (deepsea):** Turkish HMS drifted lower w/w to the high \$390s/mt CFR (-\$9). Premium-origin stems tightened into the high \$380s/upper \$390s by Wednesday; a Romanian shortsea reportedly cleared in the high \$360s. Mill margins stay pressed — scrap-rebar gap around \$184/mt.
- **Bangladesh + Pakistan + India:** Pakistan shredded held in the low \$400s CFR Port Qasim. Bangladesh Australian HMS bulk in the high \$380s/low \$390s CFR Chittagong. India stuck in the mid-\$380s CFR Nhava Sheva, virtually nothing clearing on weak rupee + competitive DRI.
- **Asian deepsea flow:** East Asia HMS in the mid-\$380s/mt CFR (-\$9 w/w); Japan H2 FOB eased ~¥900 to the mid-¥51,000s. Vietnam offers \$370–380/mt CFR. Asian flow softer as Chinese buyers wait for further weakness.

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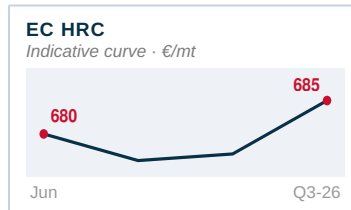
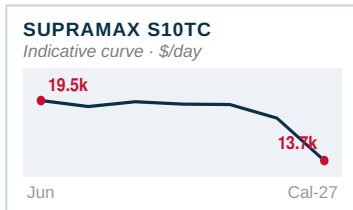
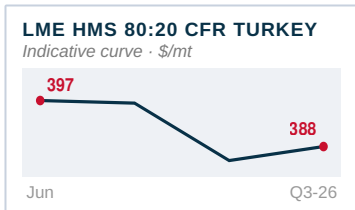
- **UMX / SMX:** Atlantic market is tight and the S4A (USG–Skaw) ripped +\$3,222 w/w to \$32,879/day, S1C (USG–FE) gained +\$3,897 to \$32,111/day, S1B firmed +\$2,413 to \$22,171/day. S11TC \$21,558 (+\$1,109).
- **Handy:** HS7TC printed \$16,502 (+\$758 w/w) with the back end up. HS4_38 (USG–Skaw) firmed +\$1,585 w/w to \$20,146/day, mirroring Atlantic Supramax tightening.
- **FFA S10TC paper:** Jul-26 ground through the week from \$20,111 (11 Jun) to \$19,414 (17 Jun) — -\$697 as the front pulled back after the Atlantic-led rally. Q4-26 held up better, easing from \$17,938 to \$17,806 (-\$132) — back-end conviction intact even as nearby contracts paused.

SCRAP FREIGHT ROUTES

| ROUTE | SPOT | ▲ W/W | JUN-26 | JUL-26 | Q3-26 | CAL-27 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| NY → Iskenderun 7K (30kt) | \$46.50 | +\$1.00 | \$45.15 | \$47.60 | \$46.25 | \$35.95 |
| ARAG → Iskenderun 12TTL (35kt) | \$39.50 | +\$1.00 | \$38.35 | \$40.45 | \$39.30 | \$30.55 |
| S4A (USG → Skaw) | 32,879 | +3,222 | 31,889 | 32,694 | 32,234 | 22,995 |
| HS4_38 (USG → Skaw) | 20,146 | +1,585 | 19,551 | 20,632 | 20,046 | 15,578 |

FFA · FERROUS & FUEL BENCHMARKS

| MARKET | SPOT | ▲ W/W | JUN-26 | JUL-26 | Q3-26 | CAL-27 |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| FFA S10TC (58dwt) | 19,524 | +1,109 | 18,936 | 19,414 | 19,141 | 13,655 |
| FFA HS7TC | 16,502 | +758 | 16,015 | 16,900 | 16,420 | 12,760 |
| Turkey Scrap (80:20) | 397.0 | -9.0 | 396.50 | 385.50 | 388.17 | — |
| EU HRC (€/mt) | — | — | 676 | 677 | 685 | — |
| Rott. 0.5% (Spot-Fut.) | 576 | -79 | 578.00 | 541.50 | 522.13 | 475.00 |
| Gib 0.5% (Spot) | 609 | -101 | — | — | — | — |



RECENT / TENDER / SALES

Turkey + Med (deepsea bookings) — An Izmir-based mill was reported to have booked a Baltic-origin HMS 80:20 deepsea cargo around \$387/mt CFR at the tail end of the prior week (unconfirmed by close). Premium-origin tradable range opened at \$400–409 CFR, tightened to \$385–398 CFR by Wednesday with EU-origin shading to \$385–392. A Romania shortsea also reportedly cleared around \$367 CFR midweek.

South + East Asia (deepsea bulk) — Pakistan tradable for shredded held in the low \$400s CFR Port Qasim through the week. Bangladesh saw Australia-origin HMS 80:20 bulk shown around \$390 CFR Chittagong against bids near \$380. Vietnam Japan H2 offers ran \$370–380/mt CFR, mainstream defending \$380. East Asia HMS pegged the mid-\$380s CFR, buyers waiting for further softness before stepping in.

FIXTURES · SCRAP & COMPETITIVE CARGOES

TC FIXTURES · ULTRAMAX

- 63k** — \$24,500 dop Nemrut Bay via Ecsa, fhaul
- 63k** — \$17,000 dop Damietta via Alexandria to St Lawrence
- 63k** — \$22,000 dop Singapore via Meulaboh to Wci
- 63k** — \$30,000 delivery Swp to Singapore–Japan
- 62k** — \$33,000 aps Fazendinha to Aughinish

TC FIXTURES · SUPRAMAX

- 58k** — \$14,000 dop Iskenderun via E Med to Usg, clinker
- 58k** — \$13,500 dop Chitta via Eci to China, iron ore
- 56k** — \$22,000 passing Gib via Jorf Lasfar to India, phosrock
- 56k** — \$13,500 dop Vizag via Indonesia to Vietnam
- 50k** — \$24,000 dop Recalada to Bejaia, sugar

TC FIXTURES · HANDY

- 40k** — \$26,000 aps Houston to Dublin, petcoke
- 37k** — \$24,000 aps Barcarena to Tunisia, grains

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