

Argus/McCloskey's Coal Price Index Report

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INTERNATIONAL COAL INDEXES

Coal price indexes - 15 Jan 2021									
Region (entry/exit point)	Contract	Heat kcal/kg	Units	Week index	January MTD average‡	December average†			
Northwest Europe (cif ARA) *	API 2	6,000	\$/t	70.31	68.35	66.22			
Northwest Europe (cif ARA) *	API 2	6,000	€/t	57.88	55.88	54.52			
South Africa (fob Richards Bay)	API 3	5,500	\$/t	67.19	63.86	63.00			
South Africa (fob Richards Bay) *	API 4	6,000	\$/t	95.43	91.45	90.35			
South Africa (fob Richards Bay) *	API 4	6,000	€/t	78.56	74.76	74.38			
Australia (fob Newcastle)	API 5	5,500	\$/t	54.58	53.84	53.20			
Australia (fob Newcastle)	API 6	6,000	\$/t	88.45	83.37	77.57			
South China (cfr)	API 8	5,500	\$/t	88.46	81.45	65.25			
Colombia (fob Puerto Bolivar)	API 10	6,000	\$/t	62.38	61.09	57.22			
India (cfr)	API 12	5,500	\$/t	71.03	70.80	71.25			

^{*} Average of daily values (below) in the week †Average of weekly indexes ‡Month to date average of weekly indexes

- API 2 (cif ARA) weekly index is the average of the daily API 2 index, which is an average of the Argus cif ARA daily assessments and the McCloskey daily NW European steam coal marker.
- API 3 (fob Richards Bay 5,500 kcal/kg) weekly index is the average of the weekly Argus fob Richards Bay 5,500 kcal/kg assessment on Friday and the weekly IHS McCloskey South African 5,500 kcal/kg NAR fob marker on Friday.
- API 4 (fob Richards Bay 6,000 kcal/kg) weekly index is the average of the daily API 4 index, which is an average of the Argus fob Richards Bay daily assessments and the McCloskey daily Richards Bay fob marker.
- API 5 (fob Newcastle 5,500 kcal/kg) and API 6 (fob Newcastle 6,000 kcal/kg) are averages of the weekly Argus fob Newcastle assessments on Friday and the weekly IHS McCloskey Australian 5,500 kcal/kg NAR fob marker and the IHS McCloskey Newcastle FOB market on Friday.
- API 8 (cfr south China 5,500 kcal/kg) is the average of the weekly Argus cfr south China 5,500 assessment on Friday and the weekly IHS McCloskey/Xinhua Infolink South China cfr (5,500 kcal/kg) marker on Friday.
- API 10 (fob Puerto Bolivar 6,000 kcal/kg) weekly index is the average of the Argus fob Puerto Bolivar (6,000 kcal/kg) weekly assessment and the IHS McCloskey weekly fob Puerto Bolivar (6,000 kcal/kg) marker on Friday.
- API 12 (cfr east India 5,500 kcal/kg) is the average of the weekly Argus cfr east India 5,500 assessment and the IHS East Coast India CFR (5,500kc NAR) marker on Friday.
- Monthly averages are compiled from the weekly averages published each Friday in the calendar month. In the event of a public holiday on the last Friday, the weekly and monthly averages are published on the preceding working day.

Daily coal price indexes									
Region (entry/exit point)	Contract	Units	11 Jan	12 Jan	13 Jan	14 Jan	15 Jan		
Northwest Europe (cif ARA)	API 2	\$/t	69.11	70.79	71.27	70.80	69.60		
Northwest Europe (cif ARA)	API 2	€/t	56.82	58.21	58.58	58.40	57.41		
South Africa (fob Richards Bay)	API 4	\$/t	93.67	98.22	96.77	94.05	94.44		
South Africa (fob Richards Bay)	API 4	€/t	77.01	80.77	79.54	77.57	77.90		

Daily API 2 and API 4 indexes are available as a data feed.

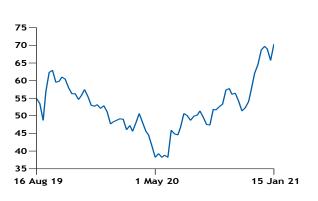
Contact info@argusmccloskeycoal.com or +44 20 7780 4200 if you would like to receive the data on a daily basis.



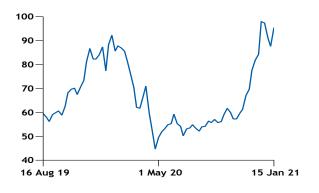
Historical trend of weekly indexes													
Region (entry/exit point)	Contract	Heat kcal/kg	Units	6 Nov	13 Nov	20 Nov	27 Nov	4 Dec	11 Dec	18 Dec	24 Dec	31 Dec	8 Jan
Northwest Europe (cif ARA)	API 2	6,000	\$/t	51.41	52.28	53.98	57.48	62.02	64.56	68.58	69.71	68.99	65.75
Northwest Europe (cif ARA)	API 2	6,000	€/t	43.72	44.26	45.54	48.32	51.40	53.28	56.22	57.17	56.23	53.52
South Africa (fob Richards Bay)	API 3	5,500	\$/t	47.72	50.26	51.76	54.88	59.47	60.12	66.30	66.10	62.18	62.20
South Africa (fob Richards Bay)	API 4	6,000	\$/t	61.34	67.09	69.74	77.70	81.86	84.32	97.91	97.32	91.24	87.68
South Africa (fob Richards Bay)	API 4	6,000	€/t	52.16	56.80	58.82	65.32	67.85	69.58	80.26	79.82	74.36	71.37
Australia (fob Newcastle)	API 5	5,500	\$/t	39.17	37.55	37.96	41.96	46.29	51.31	58.15	57.06	53.09	53.85
Australia (fob Newcastle)	API 6	6,000	\$/t	56.75	58.30	59.80	65.20	69.50	75.90	81.62	83.26	81.29	80.36
South China (cfr)	API 8	5,500	\$/t	48.84	47.44	48.15	52.45	56.37	61.60	69.90	73.13	75.34	80.56
Colombia (fob Puerto Bolivar)	API 10	6,000	\$/t	50.63	50.63	51.25	52.13	54.00	55.00	59.75	60.13	60.13	60.75
India (cfr)	API 12	5,500	\$/t	57.13	59.15	59.74	64.77	68.14	68.44	73.51	74.91	72.31	69.05

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API 2



API 4 \$/t



Monthly trend of daily API 2 and API 4 in January									
	AF	1 2	API 4			AP	I 2	API 4	
	cif.	ARA	South Africa			cif A	ARA	South	Africa
	\$/t	€/t	\$/t	€/t		\$/t	€/t	\$/t	€/t
29 Dec	69.74	56.89	93.45	76.23	15 Jan	69.60	57.41	94.44	77.90
30 Dec	68.95	56.14	90.89	74.01	18 Jan	-	-	-	-
31 Dec	68.29	55.65	89.39	72.85	19 Jan	-	-	-	-
1 Jan	hol	hol	hol	hol	20 Jan	-	-	-	-
4 Jan	68.71	55.88	87.01	70.76	21 Jan	-	-	-	-
5 Jan	63.98	52.14	86.10	70.17	22 Jan	-	-	-	-
6 Jan	63.35	51.35	85.22	69.07	25 Jan	-	-	-	-
7 Jan	64.83	52.81	89.09	72.57	26 Jan	-	-	-	-
8 Jan	67.86	55.40	90.99	74.28	27 Jan	-	-	-	-
11 Jan	69.11	56.82	93.67	77.01	28 Jan	-	-	-	-
12 Jan	70.79	58.21	98.22	80.77	29 Jan	-	-	-	-
13 Jan	71.27	58.58	96.77	79.54					
14 Jan	70.80	58.40	94.05	77.57					





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Change announcement

With reference to the IHS Markit Consultation Notice published 4 December 2020, we will be making the following proposed methodology changes to the FOB markers listed below with implementation 4 January 2021.

- South African (5,500 kc NAR) FOB marker
- South African (4,800 kc NAR) FOB marker
- South African

 (5,500 kc NAR) FOB
 Marker and Richards Bay
 5,500 differential (weekly) will reflect the following quality parameters

Richards Bay 5,500 differential (weekly)										
	Basis c.v. (kc/kg)	Min c.v. (kc/kg)	Max sulphur	Max ash	Total moisture (ar)	Volatile matter				
Current	5,500	5,300	1%	24%						
Proposed	5,500	5,200	1%	25%						
Source: IHS	Markit				(© 2021 IHS Markit				

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