

## NEWS AND ANALYSIS

### EU expects US S232 tariffs to be replaced with quota

The EU expects to convince the US to change existing 25pc Section 232 import taxes into a tariff-rate quota, in line with Europe's own safeguard, sources in Brussels told *Argus* today.

The actual quota volume and level of tariff is presently unclear.

A European Commission spokesperson said: "We have confirmed with our US counterparts the readiness to find a solution within the next months, and in any case before 1 December as agreed during the EU-US summit. In terms of progress, we have agreed to move forward with some concrete solutions in line with the key parameters such as restoring historic trade flows and to have a WTO-compliant system in order to avoid managed trade."

Section 232 was imposed on 1 June 2018. EU exports of all steel products into the US fell from over 3mn t that year to 2.33mn t in 2019 and 1.5mn t last year.

European commissioner for trade Valdis Dombrovskis said today that Europe and the US are "working with a view to resolving this issue" by the end of the year. "After the EU-US summit, I'm more optimistic that a solution will be found," he said, adding that the relationship was on a "better track" with the administration of President Joe Biden than with that of former president Donald Trump.

Market sources suggested that the US adopting a similar tariff-rate quota would allow Europe to maintain its own existing measure.

The market expects the removal of the tariff to provide an outlet for European mills: even with the current 25pc

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Key prices			
Specification	Price	±	MTD
<b>Iron ore fines (daily) (3 Sep)</b>			
62% Fe ICX™ cfr Qingdao	144.85	+3.65	142.87
62% Fe PCX fot Qingdao (Yn/wmt)	1,034	+3	1,029.00
62% Fe PCX seaborne equivalent	149.55	+0.50	148.72
<b>Coking coal (daily) (3 Sep)</b>			
Premium low-vol, fob Australia	264.50	+10.15	256.12
PCI low-vol, fob Australia	180.00	nc	179.63
Semi-soft mid-vol, fob Australia	160.75	nc	160.75
<b>Metallurgical coke (daily) (3 Sep)</b>			
62 CSR, fob north China	567.25	nc	557.33
<b>Seaborne steel (daily) (3 Sep)</b>			
HRC, fob Tianjin (SS400)	908.00	+3.00	906.00
Rebar, fob Zhangjiagang	798.00	nc	799.67
Steel wire rod, fob north China	801.00	+3.00	799.00
HRC, cfr ASEAN (SAE1006)	880.00	nc	880.00
<b>Europe domestic (daily) (3 Sep)</b>			
HRC, northwest Europe ex-works	1,090.50	-29.00	1,112.25
<b>Ferrous scrap (daily)</b>			
HMS 1/2 (80:20), cfr Turkey (3 Sep)	446.10	-2.90	448.03
HMS 1/2 (80:20), cfr Taiwan container (3 Sep)	445.00	nc	445.00

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duty, there is an arbitrage for European producers to sell into the US, which is easily the highest-paying market in the world. The US Midwest domestic hot-rolled coil (HRC) market is currently trading at a premium of over \$832/t compared to the northwest European market, according to Argus data, easily the highest premium on record. Some traders have been buying N.EU HRC futures and selling US futures on CME, in the expectation that the S232 deal will see Europe strengthen and stateside pricing soften on increased import penetration.

Earlier this week the Washington-based Coalition of American Metal Manufacturers and Users said that Section 232 tariffs should be eliminated to give US manufacturers the steel they “desperately need”.

By Colin Richardson

## IRON ORE PRICE ANALYSIS

### China iron ore: Prices track steel higher

Seaborne iron ore prices rose today, tracking gains in steel prices that rose on expectations of tight downstream supply amid planned maintenance and shutdowns by some mills.

The Argus ICX 62pc index rose by \$3.65/dry metric tonne (dmt) to \$144.85/dmt cfr Qingdao. The 65pc index was up by \$3.15/dmt to \$163.50/dmt.

“The steel price rise pulled up iron ore prices today, especially the Singapore Exchange paper market,” a Shanghai-based trader said. “The steeper drop in offshore paper swaps than iron ore prices on Dalian Commodity Exchange (DCE) over the past few days has also checked declines,” he added.

A cargo of Brazil Blend Fines (BRBF) traded at \$145.20/dmt on a 62pc basis on trading platform Corex. “The floating premium would be around \$1.80/dmt basis an October 62pc index but demand remains low,” a Beijing trader said.

Two Pilbara Blend Fines (PBF) cargoes with October laycan were offered on Corex and Globalore at \$142.70/dmt on 61pc basis and \$0.90/dmt premium to an October 62pc

Value-in-Market quality adjustments (daily) (3 Sep)				\$/dt	
Adjustment	Change	Range		±	
Iron	Per 1% Fe	60%-63.5%	2.30	nc	
		63.5%-65% *	6.20	-0.20	
Silica	Per 1% SiO <sub>2</sub>	<4.5%	0.20	nc	
		4.5%-6%	1.10	nc	
		>6%	1.70	nc	
Alumina	Per 1% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1%-2.25%	4.30	nc	
		2.25%-3%	6.50	nc	
Phosphorus	Per 0.01% P	<0.08%	0.60	nc	
		0.08-0.1%	0.00	nc	
		>0.1%	4.10	nc	

\* Implied by the 65/62 differential

Seaborne iron ore prices (daily) (3 Sep)				\$/dt	
Specification	Price	±	MTD		
Iron ore fines, cfr Qingdao					
<60% Fe					
56.7% Fe SSF seaborne equivalent	98.90	+0.45	98.75		
58% Fe fines	115.35	+3.05	113.58		
60-63.5% Fe					
62% Fe fines (ICX™)	144.85	+3.65	142.87		
62% Fe fines (ICX™) A\$/dt	195.14	+3.81	193.69		
62% PCX seaborne equivalent	149.55	+0.50	148.72		
<b>62% Fe ICX-PCX seaborne average</b>	<b>147.20</b>	<b>+2.05</b>	<b>145.80</b>		
>63.5% Fe					
65% Fe fines	163.50	+3.15	161.73		
Iron ore fines, fob Australia					
62% Fe fines (ICX™) netback	129.80	+3.50	127.90		
Iron ore lump, cfr Qingdao					
62% Fe lump \$/dt	149.60	+3.75	147.65		
62% Fe lump premium €/dmtu	7.70	+0.20	7.73		

Seaborne iron ore prices (weekly)				\$/dt	
Specification	Price	±	MTD		
Iron ore pellet, cfr Qingdao (31 Aug)					
64% Fe 2% Al pellet	186.00	+6.00	197.40		
64% Fe 3% Al pellet	176.00	+6.00	186.40		
Iron ore concentrate, cfr Qingdao (1 Sep)					
Australian concentrate floating premium	-4.25	+1.25	-4.25		
Ukrainian concentrate floating premium	-3.75	+1.25	-3.75		

China portside iron ore prices (daily) (3 Sep)				Yn/wt	
Specification	Price	Diff to PCX	±	MTD	
62% PCX fot Qingdao	1,034		+3	1,029.00	
NHGF fot Qingdao	1,050	+16	-8	1,049.33	
BRBF fot Qingdao	1,164	+130	+4	1,145.33	
PBF fot Qingdao	1,026	-8	+3	1,021.00	
PBF fot Caofeidian	1,080	+46	-5	1,083.67	
SSF fot Qingdao	694	-340	+3	693.33	
SSF fot Caofeidian	683	-351	-2	686.00	
PBL fot Qingdao	1,280	+246	-3	1,285.00	

Spot iron ore freight rates (daily) (2 Sep)		\$/t	
Route and tonnage		rate	
WC Australia-N China Capesize 160,000t		13.85	
Tubarao-Antwerp Capesize 160,000t		16.85	
Tubarao-Qingdao Capesize 160,000t		33.90	
Saldanha Bay-Qingdao Capesize 160,000t		25.60	

index respectively. No bids were seen at the time of writing. Demand remains low amid ample supply, with mills selling their long-term contract cargoes, a Hebei mill manager said. "Some mills' seaborne offers for PBF cargoes with September laycan are yet to trade and those cargoes will land at ports," he added.

Off-screen, the market was subdued. "PBF offer prices for early October laycan cargoes increased slightly, driven by the yesterday's strip tender concluded at \$1.12/dmt premium in the secondary market," Shanghai trader said.

A strip tender of 170,000-190,000t PBF each and with October-December delivery had traded at a premium of \$1.12/dmt to a 62pc index of the delivery month yesterday.

The Argus PCX 62pc portside fines index rose by 3 yuan/wet metric tonne (wmt) to Yn1,034/wmt free-on-truck Qingdao, taking its seaborne equivalent up by 50€/dmt to \$149.55/dmt cfr Qingdao.

Portside trading cooled today. "Steel mills purchased sufficient volumes earlier this week, and had no interest to buy today," a Hebei-based steel mill manager said. "The portside market was quiet with prices mildly up, lagging rise seen in paper swaps," he added.

"The weak PBF portside buying interest was also because seaborne PBF cargoes are now cheaper than portside levels," a Beijing-based trader said.

PBF prices at Tangshan port were at a premium of Yn60-70/wmt over PBF prices at Shandong port. "Tight PBF supply at Tangshan may persist, despite the movement of cargoes from Shandong to Tangshan," a Tangshan-based trader said.

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Seaborne iron ore pellet premiums (quarterly) (2 Sep) \$/dt		
Specification	Premium	±
Atlantic		
Blast Furnace grade pellet	47.00	na
Direct Reduced grade pellet	50.00	na

Seaborne iron ore brand quality adjustments (03 Sep) \$/dt				
Specification	Diff to ICX	±	Outright price	Diff MTD
Iron ore fines, cfr Qingdao				
Typical				
PBF	-2.68	nc	142.17	-2.71
NHGF	+1.10	nc	145.95	1.31
MACF	-9.34	nc	135.51	-10.51
JMBF	-17.66	nc	127.19	-17.64
BRBF	+3.43	nc	148.28	3.46
62% Fe basis				
PBF62	-0.37	nc	144.48	-0.37
NHGF62	+0.42	nc	145.27	0.62
MACF62	-6.58	nc	138.27	-7.71
JMBF62	-14.21	nc	130.64	-14.14
BRBF62	+1.13	nc	145.98	1.13
<60% Fe Iron ore fines, cfr Qingdao				
YDF	-31.49	-0.65	113.36	-31.24
YDF58	-29.50	-0.60	115.35	-29.28
Iron ore lump, cfr Qingdao €/dmtu				
NBL	6.68	+0.20	-	-
PBL	7.10	+0.20	-	-

Seaborne iron ore implied floating premiums (3 Sep) \$/dt			
Specification	Premium	±	MTD
Typical			
Iron ore fines, cfr Qingdao			
PBF	+0.83	+0.25	0.50
NHGF	+1.62	+0.25	1.49
MACF	-5.38	+0.25	-6.85
JMBF	-13.01	+0.25	-13.28
BRBF	+2.33	+0.25	2.00
YDF	-20.34	-0.13	-20.58

Iron ore, 62pc fines derivatives (daily) (3 Sep) \$/t		
Timing	Price	±
Sep 21	145.65	+3.00
Oct 21	143.65	+3.40
Nov 21	141.15	+3.20
4Q 21	141.15	+3.65
1Q 22	133.25	+3.25
2Q 22	125.60	+2.95
2022	122.50	+3.35
2023	98.50	+3.30

The weekly China's portside iron ore inventory stood at 131 mn t today, up by 1.78 mn t from a week ago. "The inventory of Brazilian fines with high silica rose further up amid the high metallurgical coke prices and dampened the demand for high-silica ores which consume more coke," a south China trader said.

PBF traded at Yn1,020-1,030/wmt at Shandong and at Yn1,080/wmt at Tangshan.

#### ICX rationale

There was one ICX-eligible deal today.

A BRBF cargo traded at \$145.30/dmt 62pc basis on Corex, normalising at \$144.87/dmt.

It was given 100pc volume weighting.

There were 18 indicative prices, bilateral bids and offers with a pre-exclusion normalised average of \$144.47/dmt with each given a 5pc volume weighting. Normalised prices above \$146.32/dmt and below \$142.66/dmt were statistically excluded.

#### 65pc fines rationale

Bilateral bids, offers and indicative prices had a post-exclusion normalised average of \$163.50/dmt and made up 100pc of the index.

#### Lump premium rationale

Bilateral bids, offers and indicative prices had a post-exclusion normalised average of 7.66¢/dmt unit and made up 100pc of the index.

Fob Australia brand differentials (daily) (3-Sep)				\$/t
Specification	Diff	+/-	MTD	
Peak Downs	+1.00	+1.00	0.33	
Saraji	+0.00	nc	0.00	
Illawarra	+2.50	nc	2.50	
German Creek	+0.00	nc	0.00	
Gooniyella	+2.50	nc	2.50	
Moranbah North	+2.50	nc	2.50	
Glencore Low Vol	-2.50	nc	-2.50	
Oaky North	+0.00	nc	0.00	
Riverside	+2.50	nc	2.50	
Peak Downs North	+2.50	nc	2.50	

Asia-Pacific coking coal prices (daily) (3 Sep)				\$/t
Specification	Price	±	MTD	
Asia-Pacific premium hard coking coal low-vol				
fob Australia	264.50	+10.15	256.12	
cfr north China	405.00	nc	403.75	
delivered Japan	288.50	+10.10	279.75	
cfr east coast India	288.00	+5.65	282.62	
Asia-Pacific hard coking coal mid-vol				
fob Australia	219.00	+4.00	215.50	
cfr north China	380.00	nc	378.75	
cfr east coast India	247.00	+4.00	243.50	
Asia-Pacific semi-soft coking coal mid-vol				
fob Australia	160.75	nc	160.75	

fob Australia semi-soft coking coal diff (daily) (3 Sep)				\$/t
Specification	Diff	+/-	MTD	
High-vol differential to mid-vol	-4.73	nc	-4.73	

N China domestic hard coking coal prices (daily) (3 Sep)				Yn/t
Specification	Price	±	MTD	
Domestic low-vol	3,700	nc	3,700	
Domestic low-vol (\$/t)	573.07	+0.31	572.84	
Domestic mid-vol	3,350	nc	3,350	
Domestic mid-vol (\$/t)	518.86	+0.28	518.65	

Hard coking coal, Atlantic prices				\$/t
Specification	Price	±	MTD	
US seaborne, daily (03 Sep)				
fob Hampton Roads (low-vol)	315.05	nc	313.80	
fob Hampton Roads (high-vol A)	300.00	+5.00	290.83	
fob Hampton Roads (high-vol B)	230.00	+5.00	223.33	
Americas seaborne, weekly (31 Aug)				
delivered Rotterdam (US low-vol)	313.50	+21.00	270.20	
fob Colombia (mid-vol)	211.65	+17.65	192.93	

Asia-Pacific PCI prices (daily) (3 Sep)				\$/t
Specification	Price	+/-	MTD	
Asia-Pacific low-vol PCI				
fob Australia	180.00	nc	179.63	
cfr north China	213.15	nc	213.15	
cfr India	208.00	-2.00	208.37	

fob Australia PCI coal diff (daily) (3 Sep)				\$/t
Specification	Diff	+/-	MTD	
Mid-vol differential to low-vol	-0.35	nc	-0.35	

ARA, Baltic PCI prices (weekly) (1 Sep)				\$/t
Specification	Price	±	MTD	
Low-volatile PCI, fob Baltic	195.00	+12.50	195.00	
Mid-volatile PCI, fob Baltic	194.00	+12.50	194.00	
Low-volatile PCI, cif ARA	207.55	+11.80	207.55	
Mid-volatile PCI, cif ARA	206.55	+11.80	206.55	

## COKING COAL PRICE ANALYSIS

### Asia-Pacific coking coal: Tightness buoys fob

First-tier Australian export prices extended their gains as a November-loading premium hard coking coal tender concluded significantly higher amid continuing supply tightness.

Australian premium hard coking coal prices on a fob basis rose by \$10.15/t to \$264.50/t, and tier-two mid-volatile prices increased by \$4/t to \$219/t fob Australia.

A 75,000t cargo of Peak Downs for November loading was sold at \$270/t fob Australia yesterday on tender basis, with a seller's option to deliver Saraji at \$269/t fob. This deal included a buyer's option to declare additional quantity of up to 45,000t, to be exercised by close of business today. This trade was about \$22/t higher than a similar cargo traded a week ago. The tender result did not come as a surprise to many market participants, who had expected prices to jump given the lack of offers in the market.

There is still tightness in supply and more demand for Australian cargoes can be expected from European and Brazilian mills, so this will keep pushing fob Australia prices higher, an Indian steel producer said. "What we are seeing now is Australian resale cargoes from China hitting the market because price levels are attractive for the Chinese and buyers are also now inclined towards those offers given the limited downside risk," he added.

A Panamax cargo of Moranbah North for October loading was heard offered by a trading firm in India at \$280/t fob Australia. Trade activity was thin as most Indian buyers have adopted a cautious stance amid high coking coal prices and the monsoon season slowdown in India, an Indian trader said. Premium US coal was heard offered at about \$470/t cfr China so there is still room for fob prices to go higher, he said.

A Panamax cargo of Peak Downs for December loading was bid at \$267/t fob Australia on trading platform Global-coal today, but failed to attract a counter offer.

First-tier prices into China were flat at \$405/t on a cfr basis, and second-tier prices were also unchanged at \$380/t cfr north China.

Trade activity in China was largely subdued. A resale cargo of Lake Vermont was heard to be sold by a Chinese trader to an Indian buyer at \$170/t fob China, but no further details were available. Resale interest continues to grow in China amid strengthening fob Australia prices, as traders and end users looked to liquidate their Australian coal positions.

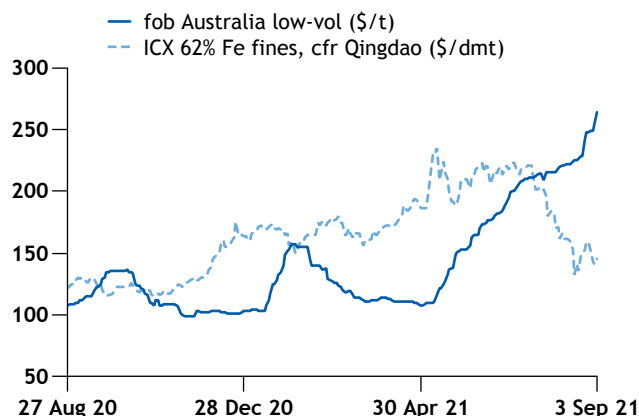
Meanwhile, unconfirmed rumours emerged in the market that China's main economic planning agency the National Development Reform and Commission has imposed price controls on Chinese domestic coking coal. But this remains

Seaborne met coke prices				\$/t
Specification	Delivery Period	Price	±	
North China (daily) (3 Sep)				
62 CSR coke, fob north China	0-60 days	567.25	nc	
65 CSR coke, fob north China	0-60 days	584.50	nc	
ARA, Baltic (fortnightly) (2 Sep)				
60 CSR coke, fob Baltic	0-60 days	510.00	+30.00	
60 CSR coke, cif ARA	0-60 days	530.00	+30.00	

Spot coal freight rates (daily)		\$/t
Route and tonnage	Rate	
Richards Bay - Rotterdam Capesize 150,000t	na	
Richards Bay - Rotterdam Panamax 70,000t	18.05	
Puerto Bolivar - Rotterdam Capesize 150,000t	na	
Puerto Bolivar - Rotterdam Panamax 70,000t	20.05	
Murmansk - Rotterdam Panamax 70,000t	11.30	
Newcastle - Zhoushan Capesize 150,000t	19.95	
Richards Bay - S China Capesize 150,000t	23.45	
EC Australia - Japan Panamax 70,000t	24.00	
EC Australia - EC India, 70,000t	28.00	
EC Australia - S Korea Panamax 70,000t	23.45	
US east coast - ARA Capesize 140,000t	23.50	
US east coast - Japan Panamax 70,000t	63.50	
Hay Point - Rotterdam Capesize 160,000t (31 Aug)	22.35	

Coking coal, low vol derivatives (daily) (3 Sep)			\$/t
Timing	Price	±	
Sep 21	271.20	+4.20	
Oct 21	285.35	+11.10	
Nov 21	275.35	+8.85	
4Q 21	269.95	+4.70	
1Q 22	237.70	+3.00	
2Q 22	215.70	+1.70	
2022	211.55	+1.35	

### Iron ore 62pc fe fines vs low-vol coking coal \$/t



uncertain. “For now, it seems to only apply to the prices of domestic coking coal from the larger mines, but will not control those of privately owned mines,” a Chinese trader said.

Premium hard coking coal prices into India rose by \$5.65/t to \$288/t on a cfr basis, and second-tier prices increased by \$4/t to \$247/t cfr east coast India.

### Atlantic coking coal: China lifts high-volatiles

The supply crunch facing Chinese mills lifted US high-volatile coking coal prices today, as buyers were keen to secure October-loading material at a significant premium to deals done just over a week ago.

The Argus daily Hampton Roads assessment for high-volatile A coking coal rose by \$5/t to \$300/t, supported by Chinese buying, while the high-volatile B assessment rose by \$5/t to \$230/t, with miners unwilling to offer larger discounts to high-volatile A. The low-volatile assessment was unchanged at \$315.05/t.

Acute tightness in the high-volatile A segment has continued to push up prices, as expectations remain for Chinese buyers to pay a premium for established brands. A 35,000t lot of Leer high-volatile A coking coal was sold today for \$300/t fob Hampton Roads, loading in October on a Cape-size vessel with 75,000t of the same coal that was sold last week.

A significant jump from the last deal for a Leer high-volatile A cargo, concluded at \$269/t fob US east coast, reflects the limited options Chinese buyers have. “There is still some way yet for US prices to rise based on where the Chinese domestic coal prices are at the moment,” one US producer said.

A US supplier’s offer of Buchanan low-volatile for October loading at \$415/t has expired, and the supplier is yet to re-offer the cargo. The next cargo should hopefully be offered above \$420/t cfr, he added.

Coal producers shipping out of Baltimore were heard to have had problems because of recent flooding in the northeast US, but at least one large producer was heard to be unaffected.

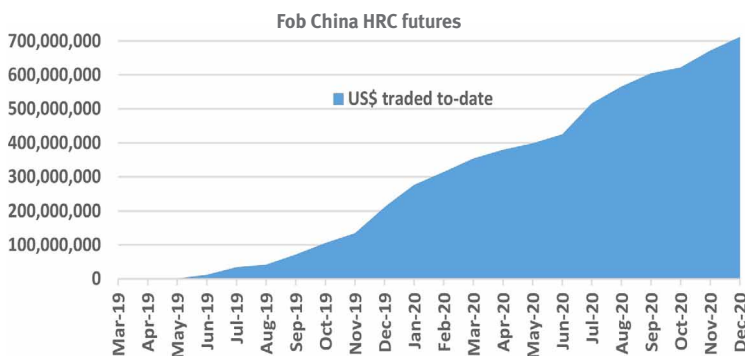
In the US, miners and mills have begun negotiations for annual domestic contracts, and mills are probably keen to secure high-quality coal to boost productivity and take advantage of record high steel prices in the US, which have continued to rise in recent weeks, unlike European prices. The Argus weekly US Midwest assessment for steel hot-rolled coil rose by \$33.07/t to \$2,160.53/t on 1 September, the highest since Argus launched the assessment in July 2018. Supply will be a worry for European mills negotiating 2022 contracts later this year, a miner said. “In terms of quality if not in terms of quantity”, he added.



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## STEEL PRICE ANALYSIS

### Asia-Pacific steel: Output cuts boost

China's domestic prices rose today on new north China production restrictions and output cuts, lending strength to seaborne markets.

Handan city in Hebei province announced tougher restrictions and shutdowns. It asked mills to increase restriction ratios by 4.4 percentage points over September-October from July-August and will shut down 20 blast furnaces smaller than 1,000 cubic meters and 20 converters smaller than 100t by the end of the year. More than half of the closures should be completed this month and more than 70pc will be completed before the winter heating season starts in November.

Mills' restriction ratios in Handan are estimated at 17-47pc in September-October depending on the emission ratings.

Baowu subsidiary Wisco will conduct maintenance on a hot-rolled coil (HRC) line for 15 days from 5 September, cutting 100,000t output. Anyang Steel in Henan province will overhaul an HRC line over 6-10 September, reducing 11,000t/d output. An east China mill was heard to cut steel output by more than 10pc in September, and a north China mill will cut 4,500t/d strip output for 10 days this month.

#### Coil

Shanghai mainstream HRC ex-warehouse prices bounced up sharply by Yn130/t to Yn5,800/t with soaring futures and intensifying output cuts. January HRC futures rose by 4.25pc to Yn5,784/t. Physical trade picked up among trading firms and buyers scrambled for deals, while end users were less excited, seeing the price rise as too fast and not sustainable. "The market rise was out of expectation since demand was so weak earlier this week. We sold out of cargoes at a lower price yesterday," a trader said with regret.

The fob China HRC index rose by \$3/t to \$908/t on rising workable levels, in line with rising Chinese domestic prices. Major Chinese mills kept offers unchanged at \$930-970/t fob China for SS400 HRC, inducing little buying interest or enquiries. Traders were more willing to negotiate prices for firm bids as they could obtain much lower-priced coils from the Chinese domestic market or some mills. Chinese domestic selling prices for HRC are equivalent to around \$900-910/t fob China. Most seaborne buyers are still sidelined and able to buy lower-priced coils from other countries including India and Russia. South Korean buyers are not in a hurry to place new orders after buying from India. Indian mills are still offering at \$960-975/t cfr South Korea for SAE1006 grade coils.

The Asean HRC index was unmoved at \$880/t with Vietnam on national holiday.

Asia-Pacific steel prices				
Specification		Price	±	MTD
Seaborne and domestic (daily) (03 Sep)				
HRC				
fob Tianjin (SS400)	\$/t	908.00	+3.00	906.00
cfr ASEAN (SAE1006)	\$/t	880.00	nc	880.00
ImpEx (Asian import-export)	\$/t	894.00	+1.50	893.00
Shanghai ex-warehouse	Yn/t	5,800	+130	5,713
Rebar				
fob Zhangjiagang	\$/t	798.00	nc	799.67
Shanghai ex-warehouse	Yn/t	5,260	+60	5,213
Taiwan ex-mill (SD280)	Twd/t	22,000	nc	22,000
Taiwan ex-mill (SD280)	\$/t	794.65	+1.37	794.32
Wire rod				
fob north China	\$/t	801.00	+3.00	799.00
Billet				
Tangshan ex-works	Yn/t	5,060	+40	5,027
Seaborne and domestic (weekly) (03 Sep)				
HRC				
India ex-works	Rs/t	65,000	-500	65,000
Rebar				
cfr ASEAN	\$/t	719.00	nc	719.00
Japan ex-mill (SD295A)	Yen/t	86,000	nc	86,000
Japan ex-mill (SD295A)	\$/t	781.76	+0.92	781.76
CRC				
Shanghai ex-warehouse	Yn/t	6,434	+40	6,434
Seamless steel pipe				
Shanghai ex-warehouse	Yn/t	5,980	+30	5,980
Billet				
cfr ASEAN	\$/t	683.00	+8.00	683.00

Flat steel diffs to fob Tianjin HRC (daily) (03 Sep)				\$/t
Specification	Diff	±	MTD	
CRC, fob China	+92.00	nc	95.33	
HDG, fob China	+147.00	nc	147.00	
Steel plate, fob China	+10.00	nc	8.33	

Country diff to HRC, cfr ASEAN (SAE1006) (daily) (3 Sep)				\$/t
Specification	Diff	±	MTD	
HRC, cfr ASEAN China origin	+60.00	nc	60.00	
HRC, cfr ASEAN India origin	+0.00	nc	0.00	
HRC, cfr ASEAN Japan origin	+110.00	nc	110.00	
HRC, cfr ASEAN South Korea origin	+70.00	nc	70.00	
HRC, cfr ASEAN Taiwan origin	+70.00	nc	70.00	

## Rebar

Shanghai mainstream rebar prices rose by Yn60/t to Yn5,260/t on strengthening outlooks. January rebar futures rose by 2.37pc to Yn5,408/t. Buyers were active in restocking ahead of the weekend, expecting post-summer demand from construction sites stronger amid falling inventories. Most market participants are bullish about the market outlook given the high season demand and mills' frequent maintenance plans. Nationwide rebar trade exceeded 270,000t today, the best performance since August, market participants said.

The fob China rebar index was flat at \$798/t fob theoretical weight on major Chinese mills' stable offers at \$860-865/t fob theoretical weight. Domestic Chinese rebar prices have risen to an equivalent \$800-820/t, but the price level is still lower than Chinese mills' direct export offers for October shipment. Chinese producers prefer to leave enough margins for potential price increases in September and October.

The Asean rebar index was unchanged at \$719/t cfr Singapore theoretical weight. Singapore and Hong Kong markets remained quiet this week with traders' offers for Indian rebar standing at \$720/t cfr Singapore theoretical weight and \$725/t cfr Hong Kong actual weight. Inventories in both markets are still high and construction steel demand in Singapore is weak as a result of worker shortages and rising Covid cases.

## Wire rod & billet

The Chinese wire rod export price rose by \$3/t to \$801/t fob on higher bids. Enquiries from South Korea showed signs of increasing with bids up to \$750-760/t cfr. The target price is higher than Philippine buyers' bids at \$730/t cfr. Chinese mills maintained direct export offers at \$860/t fob. "There is no chance for Chinese producers to export, and only traders with some lower positional cargos on hand can try to make some deals," an east China trader said.

A Vietnam blast furnace producer sold billet at \$650/t fob today against another deal concluded at \$685/t cfr China. Traders' offers for billet increased to Yn5,150/t for prompt shipment with 13pc value-added tax included, equivalent to \$705/t cfr for imported billet. Vietnam induction furnace billet offers increased to \$700/t cfr China for October shipment.

Tangshan billet ex-works prices rose by Yn40/t to Yn5,060/t today.

Steel HRC Europe swaps (daily) (3 Sep)			€/t
Timing	Price	±	
Sep 21	1,112.25	-10.75	
Oct 21	1,060.00	-10.00	
Nov 21	1,050.00	+15.00	

Europe, CIS and Middle East steel prices			
Specification	Price	±	MTD
Europe and CIS (daily) (3 Sep)			\$/t
HRC			
ex-works NW Europe €/t	1,090.50	-29.00	1,112.25
ex-works NW Europe	1,294.64	-31.52	1,317.43
ex-works Italy €/t	1,029.50	+3.00	1,028.17
ex-works Italy diff to NW Europe €/t	-61.00	+32.00	-84.08
fob Black Sea	870.00	nc	873.33
CRC			
fob Black Sea	1,000.00	-5.00	1,003.33
ex-works NW Europe €/t	1,295.00	-2.50	1,297.50
Rebar			
fob Turkey	667.50	nc	668.33
Billet			
fob Black Sea	605.00	nc	605.00
Europe and CIS (weekly)			\$/t
HRC (2 Sep)			
ddp West Midlands, UK £/t	910.00	nc	910.00
cif south Europe port €/t	900.00	-20.00	900.00
HRC (3 Sep)			
fob Turkey	930.00	-40.00	930.00
ex-works Turkey	950.00	-30.00	950.00
ex-works Turkey TL/t	7,896	-334	7,896
CRC (3 Sep)			
fob Turkey	1,160.00	-40.00	1,160.00
ex-works Turkey	1,130.00	-80.00	1,130.00
ex-works Turkey TL/t	9,392	-770	9,392
HDG (3 Sep)			
fob Turkey	1,260.00	-40.00	1,260.00
CRC (31 Aug)			
ex-works Italy €/t	1,225.00	-15.00	1,237.00
CRC (1 Sep)			
fca Antwerp €/t	1,182.50	nc	1,182.50
Rebar (2 Sep)			
fob Black Sea	660.00	-5.00	660.00
ex-works Turkey TL/t	6,480	-160	6,480
ex-works Turkey	783.54	-10.26	783.54
ex-works Italy €/t (1 Sep)	750.00	-15.00	750.00
Wire rod			
fob Black Sea (2 Sep)	765.00	-5.00	765.00
fob Turkey (1 Sep)	785.00	-10.00	785.00
del Italy €/t (1 Sep)	840.00	nc	840.00
Slab (2 Sep)			
fob Black Sea	765.00	-20.00	765.00
Europe and Middle East (monthly)			€/t
Plate (13 Aug)			
ex-works northwest Europe	1,050.00	nc	-
ex-works Italy	930.00	-70.00	-
Longs (1 Sep)			
ex-works Italy H-beam	970.00	nc	-
Rebar (26 Aug)			
ex-works UAE Dh/t	2,498	-305	-
ex-works UAE \$/t	680.08	-83.06	-

Steel lead times			Weeks
	Timing	Weeks	Prior
HRC ex-works US lead time	31 Aug	5-10	5-10
CRC ex-works US lead time	31 Aug	8-11	10-12
HDG coil ex-works US lead time	31 Aug	8-11	10-12
Plate delivered US lead time	31 Aug	6-9	7-10



### Summary of market activity heard by Argus

- HRC-China: East China trading firm reports offer for SS400 grade HRC at \$930/t fob China
- HRC-China: East China trading firm reports indicative level for SS400 grade HRC at \$930/t fob China
- HRC-China: East China mill reports offer for SS400 grade HRC at \$975/t fob China
- HRS-China: Hong Kong trading firm reports offer for SS400 grade HRS at \$950/t fob China
- HRC-China: Hong Kong trading firm reports offer for SS400 grade HRC at \$970/t fob China
- CRC-China: Hong Kong trading firm reports offer for SPCC grade CRC at \$1030/t fob China
- HDG-China: Hong Kong trading firm reports offer for SGCC grade HDG at \$1050/t fob China
- HRS-China: Hong Kong trading firm reports offer for SS400 grade HRS at \$980/t fob China
- HRC-China: North China mill reports indicative level for SS400 grade HRC at \$960/t cfr South Korea
- HRC-China: North China mill reports indicative level for SS400 grade HRC at \$1000/t fob China
- HRC-China: North China mill reports indicative level for SS400 grade HRC at \$905/t fob China
- HRC-China: Vietnam trading firm reports offer for SS400 grade HRC at \$970/t fob China
- HRC-Asean: North China mill reports offer for India-origin SAE1006 grade at \$960/t cfr South Korea
- HRC-Asean: North China mill reports offer for India-origin SAE1006 grade at \$975/t cfr South Korea
- Billet-Asean: East China trading firm reports deal for Vietnam-origin 3sp billet at \$685/t cfr China
- Billet-Asean: East China trading firm reports deal for Vietnam-origin 3sp billet at \$650/t fob Vietnam
- Billet-Asean: East China trading firm reports offer for Vietnam-origin 3sp billet at \$700/t cfr China
- Billet-Asean: East China trading firm reports offer for Vietnam-origin 3sp billet at \$700/t cfr China
- Slab-Asean: North China mill reports indicative level for SS400 slab at \$730/t cfr China
- Slab-Asean: Hong Kong trading firm reports deal for Indonesia-origin SS400 slab at \$735/t cfr China
- Wire rod-China: North China mill reports offer for SAE1008 wire rod at \$860/t fob North China
- Wire rod-China: North China mill reports indicative level for SAE1008 wire rod at \$860/t fob North China
- Wire rod-China: Vietnam trading firm reports offer for high carbon wire rod at \$910/t fob East China
- Wire rod-China: East China trading firm reports bid for SAE1008 wire rod at \$750/t cfr South Korea
- Rebar-China: Vietnam trading firm reports offer for B500B

US steel prices (weekly) (31 Aug)				\$/st
Specification	Price	±	MTD	
HRC (31 Aug)				
ex-works US Midwest	1,960.00	+30.00	1,914.00	
ex-works US south	1,940.00	+20.00	1,908.00	
ddp Houston	1,600.00	-100.00	1,655.00	
CRC (31 Aug)				
ex-works US	2,225.00	+25.00	na	
HDG coil (31 Aug)				
ex-works US	2,180.00	+20.00	na	
Plate (31 Aug)				
del US	1,720.00	+20.00	na	

Steel mill cost analysis			\$/t
	Price	±	
China (daily) (3 Sep)			
Ferrous feed unit cost blast furnace	374.59	+11.32	
Blast spread fob China rebar	423.41	-11.32	
Blast spread fob China HRC	533.41	-8.32	
Ferrous feed unit cost BOF 15% charge	425.99	+12.11	
BOF spread 15% charge fob China rebar	372.01	-12.11	
BOF spread 15% charge fob China HRC	482.01	-9.11	
Turkey (daily) (3 Sep)			
Ferrous feed unit cost arc furnace	499.63	-3.25	
Arc spread fob Turkey rebar	167.87	+3.25	
Arc spread ex-works Turkey rebar	283.91	+3.25	
Taiwan (weekly) (3 Sep)			
Ferrous feed unit cost arc furnace	498.40	nc	
US (weekly) (31 Aug)			
US Midwest hot-rolled coil-#1 busheling spread	1,386.34	+30.00	

rebar at \$865/t fob East China theoretical weight

- Rebar-China: Vietnam trading firm reports indicative level for B500B rebar at \$865/t fob East China theoretical weight
- Rebar-China: North China mill reports offer for B500B rebar at \$860/t fob North China theoretical weight
- Rebar-China: North China mill reports indicative level for B500B rebar at \$860/t fob North China theoretical weight

### India steel: Prices down on weak demand, auto cuts

India's domestic hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices dropped this week on subdued demand, while upcoming automobile productions cuts this month weighed on sentiment.

The Argus weekly price for Indian domestic HRC with 3mm thickness fell by 500rupees/t (\$7/t) compared to the previous week to Rs65,000/t (\$890/t) ex-Mumbai, excluding goods and service tax.

"The market has cooled down and expectations of price weakness are holding buyers from committing to large orders," a south-India based trader said.

Indian HRC prices are 67pc higher on year, but down

about 8pc from an all-time peak of Rs70,500/t hit in mid-June, according to *Argus* assessment.

Demand will also take a hit as a result of production cuts by automobile manufacturers, a Delhi-based trader, who supplies to a vendor of a car manufacturer, said. "Monsoon season had sapped consumption from the construction sector, automobile sector cuts are a double blow to demand," he added.

India's largest car manufacturer [Maruti Suzuki will cut production by 60pc in September](#), while [Mahindra & Mahindra will reduce output by 20-25pc this month](#) due to semiconductor chip shortages.

Construction activities are usually halted during the monsoon season as they damage raw materials and obstruct building.

Liquidity issues amid higher prices continue to curb consumption from small and medium-sized enterprises, market participants said.

The [Asean HRC index was steady at \\$880/t yesterday](#) as the market was inactive due to a two-day holiday in Vietnam. Local lockdowns and higher coronavirus cases have kept activity muted in south Asian markets.

### Turkey rebar: Mills still focused on local sales

Turkish mills continued to focus on selling rebar to the domestic market today, as lira-denominated offers continued to drop, inducing demand.

An Izmir mill sold another 20,000t of rebar locally today at last week's level of \$655/t ex-works, excluding value-added tax (VAT). It is the lowest-priced seller in the local rebar market.

A Marmara mill continued to show a willingness to sell at \$665/t ex-works, and a second Izmir mill sought sales at \$660/t ex-works, excluding VAT.

Turkish domestic rebar stockists are now facing the lowest lira-denominated offers from mills since the beginning of May, and any stabilisation of the exchange rate could ignite more demand soon.

An Indian rebar sale at \$725/t cfr Singapore on theoretical weight basis equates to about \$667/t fob Turkey on actual weight basis.

The *Argus* daily fob Turkey steel rebar assessment remained flat at \$667.50/t fob on actual weight basis today.

### EU HRC: Italy edges up as NW cracks

The daily Italian hot-rolled coil (HRC) index rose by €3/t today to €1,029.50/t ex-works, after a period of sustained softening.

Italian mills were trying to get a feel from the market this week as they returned from holidays. Buyers were price

checking, but activity was not high as they continued to ask for lower prices.

Producers face different circumstances, with one mill appearing more eager for orders than others. Some producers are trying to keep prices unchanged, but it is unclear if they will succeed. Some deals are expected from next week.

There are a few factors that could affect the Italian market – which is prone to import price changes – in the coming weeks. Announced output cuts in China could bolster Asean pricing, resulting in the disappearance of low Asian offers in Italy. But Turkey's domestic market is under severe strain, with mills discounting prices. That said, buyers are not confident in booking from the country, owing to the safeguard quotas and concern they will diminish a few days after opening up in October.

A large order was heard done from the CIS to a re-roller at around €900/t cfr Italy inclusive of duty – it was heard in a wide range of €880-950/t cfr inclusive of duty. Re-rollers were heard experiencing delays with dispatching orders. CIS cold-rolled coil (CRC) was on offer too, along with Turkish and Indian material, at €1,050-1,100/t cfr. There were suggestions of duty sharing between producers and buyers in the case that the quotas have filled in.

Northwest EU HRC pricing cracked under the strain of cheaper Russian and Visegrad-origin material. Visegrad mills were selling at around \$1,050-1,070/t delivered into Germany, and there was little activity from larger tier-one mills. *Argus'* daily NW EU HRC index dropped by €29/t to €1,090.50/t. The news that [Europe expects Section 232 tariffs to be replaced with a quota](#) is going to be a negotiating tactic for producers, especially amid automotive contractual talks. But it may not be enough to prevent price pressure in the short-term, depending on how keen smaller producers' are for orders – some Visegrad mills are offering September shipment, October delivery material given a lack of orders and subdued demand.

### Turkey HRC: Sellers cut prices

Turkish producers of cold-rolled (CRC) and hot-rolled coil (HRC) reduced prices this week on low demand and a need to sell.

The weekly domestic Turkish HRC assessment fell by \$30/t to \$950/t, while the export price declined by \$40/t to \$930/t fob. The decreases were even more pronounced for CRC, as the ex-works assessment dropped by \$80/t to \$1,130/t and the fob by \$40/t to \$1,160/t.

CRC prices came under severe pressure as re-rollers needing orders slashed offers down to \$1,130-1,170/t, with one seller able to discount its stocks further to \$1,090-1,120/t ex-works. As usual, its offering is subject to different terms

such as purchasing a variety of products, grades and sizes, hence it is normally the lowest price available. Some said there were firm bids at levels of \$1,090/t.

CRC exports were not heard this week, although market participants say mills would agree to levels similar to those in the domestic market. Despite supply disruptions in Europe, especially for downstream products, and delays to orders from suppliers, there is concern that the quotas for Turkey will not be enough for the incoming material and will see buyers pay import duties.

In addition, there are lower-priced options in the EU and stockholders are receiving many previously booked orders.

At the same time, in the Turkish market, stockholders and service centres are well stocked, with CRC being purchased from imports as well, so they do not need to buy. CIS and Indian CRC is available at a significant discount too.

The scenario is similar in the HRC segment, but producers are holding off from giving such large discounts. Availability is mostly for November, but one supplier appears to still be looking for October orders and is offering at much lower prices.

The mill was heard to be offering on paper at \$980/t, but it was ready to accept \$950-960/t fob and ex-works levels. There were rumours of prices as low as \$930/t.

Market participants are particularly concerned about availability from the CIS, with one producer heard to be visiting customers this week. Participants are taking this as a sign that the mill needs to sell large tonnages, even if this may not be the case, and this is hampering sentiment further.

Buyers were heard indicating below \$900/t cfr for CIS material, although sellers are trying to keep prices above \$900/t for November shipments.

Hence for Turkish mill material demand is not high in neither the domestic, nor export markets. In the MENA region, some buyer indications were heard as low as \$910/t fob equivalent, as Turkish producers compete with the CIS. Similarly CIS producers are taking more market share in Europe, after India did the same earlier in the summer.

### Turkey HDG: European demand re-emerges

European demand for Turkish hot-dipped galvanised steel (HDG) showed signs of returning this week after the summer holiday period, but was not enough to prevent a sharp decline in prices on the back of lower hot-rolled coil (HRC) costs.

The Argus weekly 0.50 Z100 HDG assessment fell by \$40/t to \$1,260/t fob this week.

Re-rollers were actively targeting European sales as buyers returned to the market. Multiple deals were heard at \$1,250-1,270/t fob, with most demand coming from the Iberian Peninsula. Some demand also emerged from northwest Europe, but re-rollers were mostly focused on sales to Spain and Portugal, as workable levels were around \$20/t higher than to Antwerp. Some trading companies and consumers reported quotes slightly higher at \$1,270-1,290/t fob. Meanwhile, EU prices have softened this week as mills adjusted offers downwards, reflecting muted demand.

Fob offers were very sensitive to lead times and target region. Offers for December shipment remain above \$1,300/t fob, with a quote heard at \$1,320-1,325/t fob. One re-roller was offering as low as \$1,210-1,220/t fob to European destinations but around \$1,250-1,270/t fob to North America. These prices likely mark the bottom of the market. Some sales to the US were heard at \$1,250/t fob, although this could not be confirmed. Such bookings are not unlikely, given offers at this level and strong demand from the region.

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**Europe plate: Italian demand slow amid lower slab costs**

The Italian plate market came under strain from softening slabs costs, along with demand slowing down, prompting sellers to give further discounts to improve their order books.

Italian producers reduced prices for S275JR/S235JR plate to €900-920/t ex-works in late August, with lower levels available for export and larger customers. Lead times shortened to around four weeks, meaning mills were eager to fill order books.

Some support was coming from northwestern Europe, where spot material was available only for next year deliveries, with indications for S235JR material reported in the €1,000-1,500/t ex-works range in the region. But Italian sellers faced competition from other European suppliers.

Local plate demand declined notably in Italy, as customers reduced their requirements, watching developments in the import flat products and slabs segments. CIS slab sellers were heard lowering offers to \$740-755/t fob Black Sea, after bookings done at \$850/t cfr South America in late August and later at \$800/t cfr Italy. The latest freight rates for slabs

from the Black Sea to Italy were reported at \$40-50/t cfr depending on lots. Additional pressure on the slab market came from increased freight costs and reduced demand from buyers in the Americas, despite a persistent increase in US flat products prices. There is still a strong demand for slabs from US customers, but they are not in a hurry to restock until next year when a new quota opens, one market participant said.

Brazilian slab prices softened to \$870/t fob to the US market and to \$850/t fob to other destinations. But in Turkey demand for CIS slabs decreased amid lowering import offers for import and local flat products, while Chinese customers were absorbing lower-priced slabs from Indonesia and other sellers in the past few months. A deal for Indonesian slabs was reported at \$735/t cfr China this week.

In the meantime, interest for lower plate offers from Asia into Europe vanished amid limited import allocations. Indian plate of S275JR grade was heard offered at around €850/t cfr in Italy, with a premium for S355J2 grade at €30/t.

**North Africa longs: Mills maintain prices**

The north African long products market has been broadly stable all summer, despite falling production costs and a seasonal lull.

In Algeria local prices for rebar were at 123,500-125,500 dinar/t depending on size, which equates to \$765-777/t ex-works, excluding 19pc value-added tax (VAT). The price for Algerian wire rod stood at 138,500 dinar/t, which is \$857/t ex-works, excluding 19pc VAT. Given limited import opportunities and traditionally quiet activity in August, local producers kept prices stable as reductions would not spur buying interest. Algerian rebar and wire rod duties stand at 15pc for non-EU and non-Arab imports, but export prices for south European material are still substantially above local prices in Algeria amid tight trade restrictions in Europe.

**Egypt**

Egyptian rebar was available at E£14,450-14,600/t ex-works, which equates to \$807-816/t ex-works, excluding 14pc VAT. Despite slipping costs, domestic prices for rebar remained fairly stable, supported by tighter steel supply. Some mills are suffering from raw material shortages owing to supply chain issues in the past few months, especially from Asia. But this is offset to an extent by reduced production during the hot summer period.

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## METALLICS PRICE ANALYSIS

### Turkey scrap: Price down on multiple deals

The Turkish scrap import price moved down on Friday on deals done yesterday as five different mills bought deep-sea cargoes.

The Argus daily HMS 1/2 80:20 cfr Turkey steel scrap assessment decreased \$2.90/t to \$446.10/t cfr.

A Venezuelan supplier was heard to sell HMS 1/2 80:20 at \$444/t cfr Iskenderun for October shipment.

A Baltic supplier was heard to sell HMS 1/2 80:20 at \$444.50/t cfr Iskenderun for October shipment.

A St. Petersburg supplier was heard to sell HMS 1/2 80:20 at \$445/t cfr Izmir for October shipment.

A second St. Petersburg supplier was heard to sell HMS 1/2 80:20 at \$432/t cfr Marmara for prompt shipment, and a Russian supplier sold HMS 1/2 95:5 for a vessel loading in the next few days on a cfr Iskenderun basis. Both deals were not considered representative of the market price today for quality and prompt loading reasons, respectively.

A further strengthening of the euro against the dollar kept continental European exporters from entering into a lower-priced Turkish market today and yesterday. The exchange rate reached €1: \$1.189 at 16:20 BST.

But European exporters are positioning themselves for potentially lower-priced sales through a gradual decrease in their dockside prices. Most exporters in the region were paying €310-320/t delivered to dock for varying qualities of HMS 1/2 and further decreases are targeted for the start of next week.

Additional pressure on Turkish scrap import prices could emerge if US exporters - which have wider margins than European sellers - perceive that US domestic delivered mill prices in October are unlikely to increase from September delivery prices at an average of \$455/gt for shred.

Chinese steel prices increased sharply today after more output cuts across north China in September were an-

Ferrous scrap Japan Tokyo Steel domestic purchase price					
	Timing	Diff (Yen/t)	±	Diff (\$/t)	±
H1 to H2 differential	na	+1,500	nc	+13.64	+0.01
Shredded C to Shredded A diff	na	+500	nc	+4.55	+0.01

### Ferrous scrap deep-sea trades (average composition price, cfr Turkey)

Date	Volume, t	Price, \$	Shipment	Buyer	Seller	Composition	Confirmed	Index relevant
2-Sep	n/a	444.5 (80:20)	October	Iskenderun	Baltics	80:20	N	Y
2-Sep	n/a	445 (80:20)	October	Izmir	Russia	80:20	N	Y
2-Sep	n/a	444 (80:20)	October	Iskenderun	Venezuela	80:20	N	Y
2-Sep	n/a	432 (hms)	September	Marmara	Russia	80:20	N	Y

Seaborne ferrous scrap prices (daily) (3 Sep)			
	Low-High	Price	±
HMS 1/2 (80:20), cfr Turkey		446.10	-2.90
HMS 1/2 (75:25), fob Rotterdam		397.60	-2.90
HMS 1/2 80:20 (short-sea) cif Turkey		421.30	nc
HMS 1/2 (80:20), fob New York	403.00-404.00	403.50	nc
HMS 1/2 (80:20) container cfr Taiwan (3 Sep)		445.00	nc

Seaborne ferrous scrap prices (weekly) (27 Aug)				
Specification	Low-High	Price	±	MTD
HMS 1/2 (80:20), fas Los Angeles	390.00-395.00	392.50	nc	390.000
Shredded containerised cfr Nhava Sheva India	510.00-520.00	515.00	-5.00	518.750
H2, fob Japan		410.00	+1.00	410.00
H2, fob Japan ¥/t		45,100	+100	45,100
HS, fob Japan		527.00	-4.00	527.00
HS, fob Japan ¥/t		58,000	-500	58,000

Mill delivered ferrous scrap prices			
Specification	Low-High	Price	±
Daily (3 Sep)			
Heavy melt #3 posted del E China Yn/t		3,780	+80
Weekly (27 Aug)			
Shredded composite del US \$/gt		482.60	nc
Monthly			
E40 shredded del Germany national average €/t (13 Aug)	409.45-419.45	414.45	-17.50
E40 shredded del Spain €/t (11 Aug)	420.00-430.00	425.00	-20.00
E40 shredded del Italy €/t (13 Aug)	450.00-460.00	455.00	-15.00

Ferrous scrap Tokyo Steel purchase price (daily) (03-Sep)				
	Tahara plant			
	Price (Yen/t)	±	Price (\$/t)	±
H2	46,000	nc	418.22	+0.22
Shindachi Bara	54,000	nc	490.96	+0.26
Shredded A	49,500	nc	450.05	+0.24
	Utsunomiya Plant			
	Price (Yen/t)	±	Price (\$/t)	±
H2	46,000	nc	418.22	+0.22
Shindachi Bara	49,500	nc	450.05	+0.24
Shredded A	48,000	nc	436.41	+0.23

## Ferrous scrap short-sea trades (average composition price, cif Marmara)

Date	Volume, t	Price, \$	Shipment	Buyer	Seller	Composition	Confirmed	Index relevant
31-Aug	3,000	417	September	Bartın	Romania	3k 80:20	N	N
31-Aug	3,000	425	September	Eregli	Bulgaria	3k 90:10	N	Y

nounced. An Indian rebar sale at \$725/t cfr Singapore on theoretical weight basis was done, which equates to around \$667/t fob Turkey on actual weight basis.

An Izmir mill sold another 20,000t of rebar locally today at \$655/t ex-works excluding VAT, the same level as last week. It is the lowest-priced seller in the local rebar market. Most mills continue to aggressively sell into the domestic market because of the high freight rates they incur for export sales.

The Argus daily HMS 1/2 80:20 cif Turkey (short-sea) steel scrap assessment was flat at \$421.30/t on Friday.

### Asia scrap: Price stable in a quiet market

The Taiwanese containerised HMS 1/2 80:20 ferrous scrap import price was stable today, with the market remaining quiet after US sellers stopped making offers.

The Argus daily containerised HMS 1/2 80:20 cfr Taiwan assessment was flat at \$445/t.

No offer was heard on 3 September after US sellers withdrew yesterday's offers when buyers expressed no interest in raising their bids. US suppliers and trading firms will keep their offers firm in the near future because of higher container freight costs and increased domestic transportation costs. The fall in US domestic scrap collection prices for September failed to encourage suppliers to cut their offers or increase offered volumes because transportation costs remained high. The number of offers from the US will likely remain limited, as some suppliers said they were unable to increase scrap flow. Buyers in need of material will have to raise their offers next week to encourage suppliers to sell.

The Taiwanese containerised HMS 1/2 80:20 price rose by \$5/t early this week, driven partially by increased container freight costs. But buyers refused to consider any further increases after the Chinese market showed bearish signs in physical and future markets.

Many Taiwanese steelmakers will continue to monitor the development of global steel and scrap fundamentals. Mills said the current global steel complex was difficult to understand and they do not want to move until a clearer picture forms. Many mills expect more downward price adjustments for Japanese obsolete scrap, while Taiwanese domestic scrap supply was ample as local suppliers expect prices to remain under pressure in the near future.

Japanese suppliers kept offers for H1/H2 50:50 to Taiwan at \$470-480/t cfr. Negotiations were heard to be ongoing for

Ferrous scrap freight (weekly)				\$/t
	Low-High	Price		±
27 Aug				
Bulk export New York-Turkey	45.00-46.00	45.50		nc
Bulk export Los Angeles-South Korea	65.00-66.00	65.50		nc
Bulk export Japan - Eastern China	40.00-42.00	41.00		nc
31 Aug				
Containerised export New York-Mumbai	43.00-46.00	44.50		+1.00
Containerised export Los Angeles-Taiwan	42.00-46.00	44.00		+4.00

Pig iron prices (weekly)			
Specification	Loading	Price	±
China ex-works (3 Sep)			Yn/t
Tangshan, Hebei	immediate	4,120	+40
fob Black Sea (2 Sep)			\$/t
Russian basic	2-6 weeks	500.00	-20.00
Ukrainian basic	2-6 weeks	500.00	-20.00
fob Brazil (2 Sep)			\$/t
northern Brazil basic	prompt-6 weeks	487.50	-30.00
southern Brazil basic	prompt-6 weeks	475.00	-35.00

Ferro-alloys				
Specification	Frequency	Date	Price	±
Ferro-manganese				
HC 75% fob China (\$/t)	Weekly	31 Aug	1,595	+20
HC 75% Mn ex-works China (Yn/t)	Twice weekly	2 Sep	8,100	+100
HC min 80% Mn 6-8% C fob N America (\$/gt)	Weekly	2 Sep	2,275	nc
Silico-manganese				
65% Mn 17% Si fob China (\$/t)	Weekly	31 Aug	1,575	+20
65% Mn 15% Si fob India East Coast (\$/t)	Twice weekly	2 Sep	1,420.00	nc
65% Mn ddp Europe works (€/t)	Twice weekly	2 Sep	1,555.00	nc
Min 65% Mn 16% Si fob N America (\$/lb)	Weekly	2 Sep	1.070	nc

mills that showed interest.

Friday was a national holiday in Vietnam. Participants will return to the market on 6 September.

## Japan ferrous: H2 supported by increased sales

Japanese H2 export prices moved up this week on sales to Taiwan and South Korea, while HS prices retreated as South Korean buyers stepped back and tried to narrow the wide HS-H2 spread.

### Export market

The *Argus* weekly assessment for H2 scrap fob Japan was ¥45,100/t (\$410/t) on Friday, up by ¥100/t from 27 August.

Taiwanese buyers resumed purchases of Japanese scrap after the price spread between Japanese bulk and US containerised scrap fell back to a competitive level for the first time in months.

New H1/H2 50:50 sales were concluded at or slightly lower than \$465/t cfr Taiwan, netting back to ¥45,100/t fob for H2 grade. The *Argus* containerized HMS1/2 80:20 cfr Taiwan assessment increased over the past week to \$445/t cfr on Friday, cutting the spread to H1/H2 50:50 to \$15-20/t, which is the typical level at which Japanese scrap becomes a viable option for Taiwanese buyers.

Tight availability of US containerised scrap amid surging freight costs also encouraged Taiwanese steel mills to begin purchasing Japanese obsolete scrap again.

Workable prices in South Korea varied in a wide range between different buyers. The largest buyer successfully purchased H2 at ¥44,000/t fob in a tender on 27 August, but the confirmed quantity was very small as this price was around ¥4,000/t lower than H2 prices in Japan's domestic market. Other smaller South Korean mills this week bid higher for H2 at around ¥45,500/t fob in attempt to secure enough volume for their requirement.

Japanese suppliers were not in a rush to sell export cargoes as domestic prices still held a significant premium over the overseas market. The lowest domestic delivered to mill price for H2 price was in the Kanto region at around ¥47,000-48,000/t while the highest was in west Japan at around ¥50,000/t.

The *Argus* weekly assessment for HS scrap fob Japan dropped by ¥500/t on the week to ¥58,000/t (\$527/t) on 3 September.

The major HS buyer in South Korea cut bids by ¥500/t from last week to ¥62,000/t cfr, equivalent to ¥58,000/t fob. Traders expect the supply of HS is not as tight as shindachi so are willing to accept any workable bid.

Shindachi generation looks set to slip further after more carmakers announced to they will reduce output in the coming months.

Some South Korean mills started to buy more alternative raw materials like pig iron amid high cost of prime scrap. Traders would like to wait and see whether lower demand from South Korea will weigh on prime scrap prices.

### Domestic market

Tokyo Steel cut domestic collection prices by ¥500/t at Utsunomiya plant this week and kept prices at other plants unchanged. H2 prices at both the Utsunomiya and Tahara plants are now at ¥47,500/t.

Market participants widely thought that price adjustment at Utsunomiya plant was in line with the decreasing Tokyo Bay collection price but executed at a more moderate pace. Utsunomiya is located in the Kanto scrap export hub, which means it is more exposed to seaborne prices than other mills.

Tokyo Bay fas prices decreased further this week as H2 and HS fell by around ¥1,000/t, while shindachi had a smaller decline at ¥500/t. H2 was at ¥44,000-45,000/t, HS was at ¥57,000-58,000/t and shindachi was at ¥60,500-61,500/t.

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### ASIA PACIFIC

#### Parts shortage forces Japan's Suzuki to cut car output

Japanese auto manufacturer Suzuki continues to cut car and motorcycle production at its domestic assembly lines because of a shortage of auto components imports from southeast Asia.

Suzuki announced yesterday its output cut plan for September, although it has been reducing production since April this year. It is hard to predict how long the shortage will last, as the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is unlikely to be suppressed quickly, the company said.

It shut its Sagara plant in central Japan's Shizuoka prefecture on 1 September that lasts until tomorrow. The company is also planning to stop assembly operations at other plants in Shizuoka during 6-18 September at the Iwata, Kosai No.1 and No.2 Sagara and Hamamatsu plants. Suzuki is also having partial operating cuts at the Iwata and the Kosai No.1 plants during 1-24 September.

Suzuki's domestic car output totalled 66,070 units during July, down by 31.6pc from a year earlier, with January-July production up by 5.3pc to 517,400 units at the Iwata, Kosai and Sagara plants. Motorcycles are produced at the Hamamatsu plant.

Fellow Japanese car manufacturer [Toyota](#) and [Subaru](#) have also suspended their car output for the same reason. Japanese [commercial vehicle producers](#)

also encountered an auto components shortage last month.

Domestic output of passenger cars by the country's eight main auto producers climbed by 2pc from a year earlier to [681,572 units in July](#). Japan's new car sales also rose for a third consecutive month, increasing by 2.5pc to 212,707 units, according to the Japan Automobile Dealers Association.

*By Maiko Nakashima*

#### India's AM/NS doubles pellet plant capacity in Odisha

ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel (AM/NS) India has commissioned a second 6mn t/yr pellet plant in Paradeep, Odisha, taking the production capacity of the complex to 12 mn t/yr, the largest single location pellet complex in the country.

AM/NS also has a 8mn t/yr pellet plant at Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

The launch of the second plant will contribute to India's goal of achieving 300mn t steel production capacity in the coming decade, AM/NS India's chief executive officer Dilip Oommen said.

The company is also progressing on its plans to set up a 12mn t/yr greenfield integrated steel plant in the state, Oommen said.

"Paradeep's pellet plant II coming on stream significantly advances our capacity to produce superior quality direct reduced iron grade pellets for domestic steel production. It also supports AM/NS India's longer-term plans to grow its national steel production up to 30mn t/yr," AM/NS India's chief operating officer Wim Van Gerven said.

The steelmaker's current capacity stands at around 7.3mn t/yr.

India aims to increase the country's [steel capacity to 300mn t/yr by 2030](#), up from the current 143.91mn t/yr.

*By Sumita Layek*

### EMEA

#### EU HRC imports could reach record high this year

European hot-rolled coil (HRC) import volumes will reach record highs this year if the level of January-June imports is sustained, as perceived tightness in domestic supply and rising prices have bolstered import appetite.

Over the first six months of this year, the EU imported 4.5mn t of wide HRC, the largest level on record for the first six months of any year, according to data from EU statistics unit Eurostat. The highest previous level was 4.22mn t over January-June 2018. The pace of imports picked up over April-June, with just 1.76mn t imported in the first quarter.

If the January-June pace of imports is maintained over the rest of this year – which is possible based on quota utilisation rates – the EU could import more than 9mn t of HRC for the first time, despite a raft of measures designed to curb imports. The EU has measures in place on material from Brazil, Iran, Russia, Ukraine, China and Turkey, as well as its country-by-country safeguard designed to maintain traditional import flows.

There have also been whispers of an investigation into Indian HRC, while the €17.60/t duty for Russian steelmaker Severstal, which accounts for the vast majority of Russian volume, is also being reviewed following a petition from European steel industry association Eurofer. The Severstal review is set to conclude in October, which could be spurring the mill's spate of sales at the moment. It recently dropped its offer price from €1,080-1,090/t fca to €970/t fca, according to market sources.

The safeguard measures have, to an extent, redrawn trade flows in favour of developing countries not covered by the measures. Volumes from exempt Egypt, for example,



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reached 422,335t over the first six months of this year, compared with 251,934t over the whole of last year and 131,088t in 2019. In fact, the only year in which Egypt has sold more HRC into the EU than over the first six months of this year was 2008, when its shipments totalled 654,885t.

Domestic mills may suggest the increase in import volumes is testimony to the need for more measures, and third-country offers are currently substantially below domestic prices. However, buyers' concern about securing sufficient volumes domestically was a major driver of the import jump, as local producers seemed to struggle to catch up with rising demand as economies opened up following Covid-19-related lockdowns. Mills fell way behind on their deliveries and buyers found their inventories increasingly stretched by strong end-user demand.

Surprisingly, domestic deliveries across all products actually increased in January-March this year, despite the narrative from producers that they had limited allocations and would have to prioritise their main customers. Deliveries from domestic mills rose by 1pc in the first quarter, after increasing by 4.6pc in October-December last year, according to Eurofer.

[Leading European steel ports are currently full](#) because of rising import arrivals and slower outgoings. In the first six months of this year, the Belgian port of Antwerp had iron and steel throughput of 4.72mn t, up by more than 39pc on the same period of last year. Sources at the port and stevedores said volumes are reminiscent of those in 2008, when the market at large seemed to go long at prices that had reached record highs at the time.

Some ships "sporadically" have to be re-routed because of a lack of space, a port source confirmed today.

By Colin Richardson

## CIS

### [Russia may ease export duties on some metal products](#)

Russia's ministry of industry and trade is considering lowering recently introduced export duties on pig iron, ferro-alloys and aluminium, industry and trade minister Denis Manturov said yesterday at the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok.

"It is too early to estimate the results of the duties since they have only been in force for a month," Manturov said. "But we see a 12-18pc drop in prices [for some construction steel products], so a certain effect has already been achieved as the duties were introduced as a fiscal measure to create a financial cushion for metals-consuming indus-

tries, which were impacted by sharply rising metal prices. For next year, we have not yet envisaged any duties."

Earlier this week, deputy industry and trade minister Viktor Yevtukhov revealed that [Russian authorities are not currently inclined to extend export duties](#) on ferrous and non-ferrous metal products into 2022.

[Russia announced export duties in late July](#) for ferrous and non-ferrous metals products exported outside the Eurasian Economic Union, effective 1 August-31 December. [An existing duty on ferrous scrap exports was raised](#) at the same time.

[The duty on pig iron exports was lowered](#) in July to 15pc but not less than \$54/t, from the initially proposed 15pc but no less than \$115/t. But this is unlikely to prevent export volumes from falling amid decreasing prices on the global pig iron market, market participants believe. Yesterday, [Argus assessed the fob Black Sea weekly price for Russian and Ukrainian basic pig iron](#) at \$500/t, down by \$20/t from a week earlier.

A similar development is expected in Russia's ferrous scrap export market, where trading activity has been severely dampened by the duties and falling scrap prices in Turkey, the key export outlet for Russian scrap exporters. But the country's authorities have seen no softening in domestic scrap prices and consequently do not plan to ease the duty burden for this segment.

Russia's government expects to finalise its suggestions on [the change of the minerals extraction tariff](#), most likely upwards, by early October, Russia's deputy finance minister Alexei Sazanov said on 31 August.

By Valery Zavyazkin

## AMERICAS

### [China drives Colombia met coke exports](#)

Strong steel production levels in China are continuing to drive Colombia's rising metallurgical coke exports.

Colombia, which is the world's third-largest metallurgical coal exporter, shipped 2.06mn t of metallurgical coke in January-July, up by 38pc from the 1.5mnt shipped in the same period last year, data from shipping agency Naves show.

The sharp increase was supported by firmer demand from Asia, particularly China and India.

China has emerged as Colombia's second-largest metallurgical coke destination, displacing other natural markets such as Mexico.

Colombia shipped 388,000t of metallurgical coke to China in January-July, up fourfold from the same period last

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year when it shipped just 58,000t, on the back of rising steel demand in the country. But steel production cuts in the second half of this year have underpinned a weaker demand outlook for China.

“There is not enough global supply of metallurgical coke. The last time Colombia experienced a boom like this was in 2008 when Chinese prices for coke climbed to \$700/t. Today, Chinese prices for coke are around \$600t, and I expect that they will continue to rise to reach once again \$700/t,” a source at a large exporter said.

Mexico bought 324,000t of Colombia’s metallurgical coal in January-July, down by 1pc on the year.

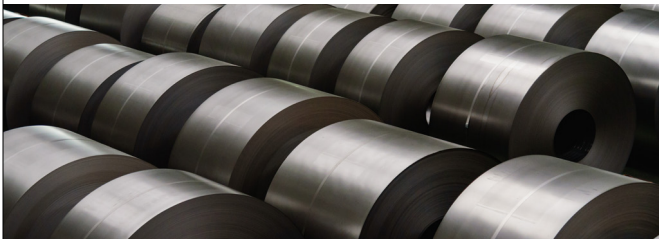
Colombia’s largest buyer remains Brazil, which bought 578,000t in January-July, up by 59pc from the same period last year. Milpa, the country’s largest metallurgical coke producer, is the largest seller to Brazil.

Colombia also shipped 65,000t to India in January-July, up from 50,000t in the same period last year.

Despite disruptions in May this year following nationwide strikes that affected transportation to ports, analysts remain optimistic that Colombia is on track to export a new record-high 4mn t of met coke in 2021, as global demand for steel recovers.

By Diana Delgado

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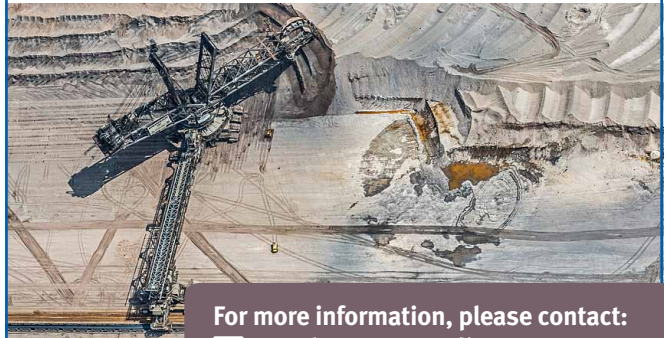
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**CME Group launches North European HRC Steel (Argus) Futures Contract**



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China iron ore: Daily deals and offers									
Date	Info type	Source*	Timing	Brand	Fe Basis %	Origin	Volume	Price	Additional Notes
03 Sep	Deal	Corex	04-13 Oct 2021	BRBF62	62	Malaysia	170,000	145.30	
03 Sep	Offer	Corex	01-10 Oct 2021	MACF	60.8	Australia	90,000	132.15	
03 Sep	Bid	Corex	01-10 Oct 2021	MACF62	62	Australia	90,000	AM62 Oct -9.50	
03 Sep	Offer	Corex	01-10 Oct 2021	PBF	61	Australia	170,000	142.70	
03 Sep	Offer	globalORE	01-20 Oct 2021	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Oct +0.90	
03 Sep	Indicative Bid	NT	early Oct laycan	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Oct +0.50	
03 Sep	Indicative Bid	NM	early Oct laycan	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Oct +1.00	
03 Sep	Indicative Bid	ST	early Oct laycan	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Oct +0.75	
03 Sep	Indicative Bid	NT	early Oct laycan	YDF58	62	Australia	170,000	AM62 Oct -21.00	
03 Sep	Indicative Bid	NM	early Oct laycan	YDF58	62	Australia	170,000	AM62 Oct -18.00	
03 Sep	Indicative Bid	ST	early Oct laycan	YDF58	62	Australia	170,000	AM62 Oct -19.80	
02 Sep	Deal	Off screen	01-10 Oct 2021	JMBF62	62	Australia	110,000	AM62 Oct -14.00	
02 Sep	Deal	Off screen	01-10 Oct 2021	MACF	60.8	Australia	80,000	130.95	
01 Sep	Deal	ET	Aug laycan	Ukrainian C	65	Ukraine		P65 Oct -3.75	QP: Oct or Nov
31 Aug	Deal	globalORE	01-10 Oct 2021	NBL	62	Australia	80,000	0.10	\$/dmtu, fob basis
27 Aug	Deal	Off screen	30 Sep-09 Oct 2021	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Oct +2.10	
26 Aug	Deal	Corex	20-29 Sep 2021	BRBF62	62	Malaysia	170,000	153.80	
25 Aug	Deal	Corex	01-10 Sep 2021	NBL	62	Australia	130,000	P62 Sep -4.00	with LP
25 Aug	Deal	globalORE	B/L Aug 18	IOCJ	65	Brazil	170,000	MB65 Oct +3.75	
25 Aug	Deal	globalORE	26 Sep-05 Oct 2021	NHGF62	62	Australia	110,000	148.10	
25 Aug	Deal	NT	Aug laycan	Ukrainian C	65	Ukraine	170,000	P65 Oct -5.00	
24 Aug	Deal	Corex	26 Sep-05 Oct 2021	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Oct +2.25	
24 Aug	Deal	globalORE	25 Sep-04 Oct 2021	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Oct +2.20	
19 Aug	Deal	ET	Sept laycan	KIOCL pellet 63pc				174.00	FOB basis, Tender, not to China
20 Aug	Deal	Corex	25 Sep-04 Oct 2021	PBF	61	Australia	170,000	136.90	
19 Aug	Deal	Corex	b/l 17 Aug	IOCJ	65	Brazil	170,000	MB65 Oct +3.20	
18 Aug	Deal	Corex	08-17 Sep 2021	NHGF	62.3	Australia	110,000	154.50	
18 Aug	Deal	globalORE	Oct delivery	JMBF62	62	Australia	90,000	AM62 Oct -12.50	
18 Aug	Deal	globalORE	06-15 Oct 2021	YDF58	62	Australia	80,000	AM62 Oct -18.50	
13 Aug	Deal	NT	Sept laycan	Karara C	65	Australia	65,000	P65 Sep -4.00	tender, unconfirmed

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17 Aug	Deal	Corex	26 Sep-05 Oct 2021	MACF	60.8	Australia	80,000	144.50	
16 Aug	Deal	globalORE	Oct delivery	JMBF62	62	Australia	80,000	AM62 Oct -13.00	
13 Aug	Deal	globalORE	02-11 Sep 2021	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Sep +1.75	
12 Aug	Deal	Corex	31 Aug-09 Sep 2021	PBF	61	Australia	170,000	158.40	
12 Aug	Deal	globalORE	b/l 10 Aug	IOCJ	65	Brazil	170,000	MB65 Sep +4.40	
11 Aug	Deal	globalORE	06-15 Sep 2021	NHGF62	62	Australia	80,000	165.50	
09 Aug	Deal	ET	Aug laycan	Ukrainian C	65	Ukraine		P65 Oct -2.00	two vessels
11 Aug	Deal	ET	Sep laycan	Citic C	65	Australia	170,000	P65 Sep -2.50	several cargoes
10 Aug	Deal	Corex	05-14 Sep 2021	BRBF62	62	Malaysia	170,000	MB62LA Sep +2.10	
04 Aug	Deal	Trader	late Aug laycan	KIOCL pellet 63pc			55,000	195.00	fob basis, tender, unconfirmed
03 Aug	Deal	Trader	Aug laycan	Bajrang pellet 63pc			50,000	P62 Aug +0.00	with 64pc pellet premium
06 Aug	Deal	Corex	01-10 Sep 2021	JMBF62	62	Australia	80,000	AM62 Sep -14.20	
06 Aug	Deal	globalORE	01-10 Sep 2021	YDF58	62	Australia	90,000	AM62 Sep -19.35	
06 Aug	Deal	Tender	03-12 Sep 2021	BRBF62	62	Malaysia	170,000	MB62LA Sep +2.85	
05 Aug	Deal	Off screen	01-10 Sep 2021	JMBF62	62	Australia	100,000	AM62 Sep -14.66	
05 Aug	Deal	Off screen	01-10 Sep 2021	MACF	60.8	Australia	90,000	155.24	
04 Aug	Deal	Corex	19 Aug-17 Sep 2021	YDF58	62	Australia	80,000	AM62 Aug -23.00	
04 Aug	Deal	Corex	Sept delivery	YDF58	62	Australia	80,000	AM62 Aug -23.00	
30 Jul	Deal	ET	Jul laycan	Ukrainian C	65	Ukraine	170,000	P65 Sep -1.50	
03 Aug	Deal	globalORE	b/l 28 Jul	IOCJ	65	Brazil	70,000	MB65 Sep +4.60	
03 Aug	Deal	globalORE	30 Aug-08 Sep 2021	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Sep +3.70	
02 Aug	Deal	ST	early Sept laycan	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Sep +3.00	
27 Jul	Deal	Trader	early Aug laycan	JSPL pellet 64pc	64	India		225.00	63pc Fe, 3.7pc Al
29 Jul	Deal	ET	Jul laycan	Rashmi pellet 63pc	64	India	55,000	P62 Aug +23.00	
02 Aug	Deal	Corex	26 Aug-04 Sep 2021	NHGF	62.3	Australia	90,000	183.90	
02 Aug	Deal	Corex	28 Aug-06 Sep 2021	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Sep +3.90	
30 Jul	Deal	ET	end Jul laycan	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Aug +2.00	
1 29 Jul	Deal	Corex	01-10 Aug 2021	JMBF62	62	Australia	90,000	AM62 Aug -4.40	with miner's discount
2 29 Jul	Deal	Corex	01-10 Aug 2021	MACF62	62	Australia	80,000	AM62 Aug -4.40	with miner's discount
29 Jul	Deal	Tender	24 Aug-02 Sep 2021	BRBF62	62	Malaysia	170,000	MB62LA Sep +4.50	

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27 Jul	Deal	globalORE	27 Aug-05 Sep 2021	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Sep +5.25	
26 Jul	Deal	globalORE	26 Aug-04 Sep 2021	MACF62	62	Australia	80,000	191.60	
23 Jul	Deal	Corex	25 Aug-03 Sep 2021	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Sep +6.10	
23 Jul	Deal	globalORE	B/L date 13 Jul	IOCJ	65	Brazil	80,000	MB65 Sep +7.40	
23 Jul	Deal	Off screen	11-20 Aug 2021	YDF58	62	Australia	80,000	AM62 Aug -20.00	
22 Jul	Deal	globalORE	25 Aug-03 Sep 2021	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Sep +6.15	
19 Jul	Deal	globalORE	11-20 Aug 2021	YDF58	62	Australia	90,000	AM62 Aug -18.35	
16 Jul	Deal	Corex	11-20 Aug 2021	JMBF62	62	Australia	90,000	AM62 Aug -11.40	
16 Jul	Deal	Tender	B/L date 13 July	IOCJ	65	Brazil	120,000	MB65 Aug +11.52	
16 Jul	Deal	Off screen	01-10 Aug 2021	MACF62	62	Australia	90,000	AM62 Aug -4.98	
16 Jul	Deal	Off screen	06-15 Aug 2021	YDF58	62	Australia	80,000	AM62 Aug -18.50	
14 Jul	Deal	Corex	11-20 Aug 2021	JMBF62	62	Australia	80,000	AM62 Aug -11.70	
14 Jul	Deal	Corex	06-15 Aug 2021	JMBF62	62	Australia	110,000	AM62 Aug -11.80	
14 Jul	Deal	Corex	06-15 Aug 2021	JMBF62	62	Australia	110,000	AM62 Aug -12.10	
14 Jul	Deal	Corex	01-10 Aug 2021	MACF	60.8	Australia	80,000	204.70	
14 Jul	Deal	Corex	08-17 Aug 2021	PBF	61	Australia	170,000	214.70	
14 Jul	Deal	globalORE	15-24 Aug 2021	BRBF62	62	Malaysia	170,000	220.00	
14 Jul	Deal	globalORE	01-10 Aug 2021	NHGF62	62	Australia	80,000	215.40	
14 Jul	Deal	globalORE	01-10 Aug 2021	YDF58	62	Australia	80,000	AM62 Aug -18.60	
13 Jul	Deal	Corex	06-15 Aug 2021	JMBF62	62	Australia	110,000	AM62 Aug -12.50	
13 Jul	Deal	Off screen	Aug delivery	NHGF62	62	Australia	90,000	AM62 Aug +5.10	
13 Jul	Deal	Off screen	Aug delivery	YDF58	62	Australia	90,000	AM62 Aug -18.80	
05 Jul	Deal	Trader	Aug laycan	Bajrang pellet 64pc				244.00	FOB basis, 63.5pc Fe, 2.5pc Al
12 Jul	Deal	globalORE	07-16 Aug 2021	PBF62	62	Australia	170,000	P62 Aug +9.20	
12 Jul	Deal	Off screen	Aug delivery	JMBF62	62	Australia	80,000	AM62 Aug -10.90	
12 Jul	Deal	Off screen	Aug delivery	MACF62	62	Australia	100,000	AM62 Aug -2.00	
09 Jul	Deal	Off screen	Aug delivery	JMBF62	62	Australia	170,000	AM62 Aug -11.00	
09 Jul	Deal	Off screen	Aug delivery	MACF62	62	Australia	90,000	AM62 Aug +0.00	

\* ST/SM = South China trading firm/mill. NT/NM = North China trading firm/mill. E = East China. HK = Hong Kong. SG = Singapore.

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### Argus successfully completes annual losco assurance review

Argus has completed the ninth external assurance review of its price benchmarks covering crude oil, products, LPG, petrochemicals, biofuels, thermal coal, coking coal, iron ore, steel, natural gas and biomass benchmarks. The review was carried out by professional services firm PwC. Annual independent, external reviews of oil benchmarks are required by international regulatory group losco's Principles for Oil Price Reporting Agencies, and losco encourages extension of the reviews to non-oil benchmarks. For more information and to download the review visit our website <https://www.argusmedia.com/en/about-us/governance-compliance>

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