

# Ferrous scrap Indices



Methodology and price  
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## Mission statement

Fastmarkets Metals, Minerals And Mining is the leading global provider of pricing intelligence for the non-ferrous metal, steel, steelmaking raw materials, industrial minerals, ferrous and non-ferrous scrap markets, producing price assessments via Fastmarkets MB and Fastmarkets AMM since 1913 and 1882 respectively.

Fastmarkets Forest Products is the leading global provider of pricing intelligence for the global forest products industry, incorporating Fastmarkets RISI, Fastmarkets FOEX and Random Lengths.

And Fastmarkets Agriculture Products has delivered pricing transparency to opaque agriculture and energy markets in the form of market-moving reporting and commentary, trusted pricing and price forecasting since 1865.

Our mission is to meet our markets' data requirements honestly and independently, acting with integrity and care to ensure that the trust and confidence placed in the reliability of our pricing methodologies is maintained. We do not have a vested interest in the markets on which we report.

## Introduction

Fastmarkets' reporters are required to abide by a **code of conduct** and clear pricing procedures during their market reporting and pricing activities. Fastmarkets is completely independent and has no vested commercial interest in any of the markets it prices.

We are the world's largest dedicated price-reporting team for metals and minerals, agricultural products and forest products. We have hubs in London, New York, Boston, San Francisco, Eugene, Charlottesville, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Memphis, Sao Paulo, Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Melbourne, Mumbai, Istanbul, Brussels and Helsinki.

The aim of this document is to provide a clear overview of Fastmarkets' methodology and specifications for the prices it assesses. If you have any questions, please contact Global Head of Editorial & Pricing Perrine Faye at [perrine.faye@fastmarkets.com](mailto:perrine.faye@fastmarkets.com) for metals and minerals, Forest Products Senior VP of Indices Matt Graves at [mgraves@fastmarkets.com](mailto:mgraves@fastmarkets.com) for forest products or Editorial Director Tim Worledge at [tim.worledge@fastmarkets.com](mailto:tim.worledge@fastmarkets.com) for agricultural products.

## Price discovery and methodology

### Methodology rationale

Fastmarkets MB produces independent, fair and representative price assessments and indices of steel, steelmaking raw materials and ferrous scrap prices on a daily, bi-weekly, weekly or monthly basis.

Fastmarkets MB's rationale for adopting the price-discovery process described in this methodology document is to produce a consistent and representative indicator of market value to suit the ferrous scrap market's requirement for a transparent pricing mechanism.

During the price-discovery process, the price reporter's goal is to discover at what representative level market participants have concluded business, made offers or received bids over the defined trading period, which is generally the period since the conclusion of the previous price quotation.

If, for instance, the last price assessment published by Fastmarkets MB was on Friday at 2-3pm London time and our next assessment is due on the following Friday at 2-3pm London time, we will accept price data for business conducted and reported to Fastmarkets MB between 2pm on Friday and one hour before publication time on the following Friday.

The time period, or window, identified to assess a market (eg, daily, bi-weekly, weekly, monthly) is determined by Fastmarkets MB after considering the number of data points that Fastmarkets MB can reasonably expect to collect on a consistent basis over the selected period to support the price assessment process.

## Data collection

### Data collection criteria

Fastmarkets MB reporters aim to talk to a broad sample of market participants specifically involved in the buying and selling of the steel product or steelmaking raw material of interest, with a good representation of both sides of the market, including producers and consumers, as well as traders.

Data is collected from market participants directly involved in spot business primarily by telephone but also by email, digital messaging or by direct submission. All input data received is kept confidential and stored on a secure network.

Fastmarkets MB encourages organisations to submit all their pricing data, especially all the concluded transactions. Depending on market liquidity, Fastmarkets MB reserves the right to also base its prices on bids, offers, deals heard and market participants' estimates or indications of prevailing values.

Fastmarkets MB welcomes organisations to submit transaction data from authorised back-office functions.

### Price specifications and reference units

Fastmarkets MB has clear specifications for all the price points that it covers. All the reference units, such as currency and volume, are in line with the trading conventions in recognised steel and steelmaking raw materials markets.

Fastmarkets MB's specifications detail the material's characteristics or quality, location, incoterm, payment terms and the minimum volume accepted. These specifications are determined in consultation with market participants and follow industry convention. Reporters ensure that the information they receive matches these specifications.

Guidelines that control the exercise of judgment by price reporters during the assessment process.

To produce the price assessment, greater weighting is generally given to actual concluded transaction data; bids/offers are second in order of importance; followed by data sources' own estimate of the market when they have no business to report. But other considerations might also intervene such as, the trustworthiness of a data source based on past data submissions or their willingness to provide data on a consistent basis.

All Fastmarkets MB price specifications define the minimum lot size accepted. When volume information is available, this is also taken into consideration in the assessment process. For instance, a deal with a bigger volume will typically carry more weight than a smaller-volume transaction. But price reporters will also consider, for instance, normalizing or discarding a price reported for a deal with an abnormally large or small volume.

Since commodity markets differ in liquidity levels at different periods, the methodology does not set any minimum number, or threshold, of transactions to be gathered on which to base the assessment.

**Data provision and quality**

The Fastmarkets MB ferrous scrap Indices are tonnage-weighted calculations based on actual transactions that have been normalized to the base specifications. The basis of all our indices is the data provided by and collected from the market. To provide the most representative pricing for the market, it is essential we are able to collect as many representative data points as possible.

Fastmarkets MB aims to collect full details of each transaction including brand, commercial terms and any other details relevant to value and pricing.

Fastmarkets MB will also collect estimates, offers and bids from market participants to supplement transaction data. If included, this non-transaction price data will be weighted at the specified minimum tonnage for the respective index.

Any market participant involved in the physical ferrous scrap market may be able to contribute data to the indices following a review by Fastmarkets MB of their activities. Fastmarkets MB aims to engage a broad and balanced range of physical market participants in the provision of data.

All data sources are subject to review before being able to submit price data to the indices. The aim is to make sure that submitters have sufficient visibility and understanding of the market to be able to provide reliable price data.

Fastmarkets MB encourages provision of data from employees in back-office functions. Data may be provided from anyone authorised by the company to submit data, and details of the submitters are recorded for contact and clarification purposes.

Fastmarkets MB utilises several channels to collect data, including phone calls, email, and messenger services from across our offices in London, Istanbul, Moscow and Singapore. The deadline for data submission is one hour before the published publication time.

Any data received after this time will be included in the next publication of the index.

**Confidentiality and data protection**

All data and market information supplied to Fastmarkets MB is stored on secure servers. Data supplied to Fastmarkets MB under data submitter agreements is strictly confidential and access is restricted to our index analysts.

## Index calculation

The Fastmarkets MB ferrous scrap Index methodology is designed to provide market participants with a fair and robust reflection of the physical ferrous scrap spot price level. The methodology incorporates structures and mechanisms to ensure a balanced and consistent calculation that is able to resist possible undue influences.

**Market balance**

The Fastmarkets MB ferrous scrap Indices are structured to balance the influence of all sides of the market. This reduces the potential risk of market distortions and bias in the data and ensures that all parts of the market have the same influence on the final index calculation.

The published index figure is the straight average of two sub-indices, each of which contains data from one side of the market – the buy side and sell side. Each sub-index is a tonnage-weighted calculation of price data normalized for product specification. Only the final indices are published.

The use of two sub-indices means that each side of the market has exactly the same influence on the final price as another, therefore removing the possibility of bias or any single data provider having an overbearing influence on the final index.

**Normalization**

Nearly all material traded on the ferrous scrap spot market differs from the base specification of the indices. Price data requires normalization to determine the equivalent price for the respective index base specification.

Material of different grades that falls within the target specification range is normalized to the index base specification. The base specifications and ranges have been chosen following consultation with the market to reflect the reality of the physical spot market.

Data is normalized to the base specifications using in-house developed models based on regression analysis of the collected data points. The analysis allows Fastmarkets MB to capture the value-in-use applied by the market to different materials, and normalise to a single specification.

The normalization coefficients for the indices are updated every month to reflect the constantly changing value-in-use relationship of different origins and grades. Our aim is to balance the requirement to keep the

value-in-use calculations reflective of the market and to provide a statistically robust data set for analysis.

Payment terms are based on typical commercial practice in the ferrous scrap spot market. Transactions that are conducted on different payment or credit terms can be normalized, taking into account discounts, interest rate and standard commercial terms.

### **Removal of outlier data**

Fastmarkets MB has constructed its Ferrous Scrap Indices to exclude outlier data automatically. All data points after normalisation that fall more than 4% away from the initial calculated index are automatically excluded – the index is then recalculated. Outliers will be investigated; suspected attempts to influence the index unfairly may result in the data provider being warned or excluded.

Fastmarkets MB reserves the right to see contracts and signed paperwork before inclusion of the data in the calculation. If this is refused, then the data, and the data supplier, may be excluded from the data collection process.

Fastmarkets MB reserves the right to exclude data that is not fairly presented or is believed may be an effort to distort the index. In this instance, the data, and the data supplier, may be excluded from the data collection process.

### **Index calculation during periods of low liquidity**

All Fastmarkets MB Ferrous Scrap Indices are calculated based on price data collected from the market. The indices are set up so that actual transactions have the greatest effect on the final calculated price.

In the absence of transactions, offers at lower levels or bids at higher prices, the index prices will reflect the stability of the market by being flat if participants' feedback has been little changed.

When estimates, offers and bids collected from the market are included into index calculation to maintain a robust data set, they will be weighted according to the lowest permissible tonnage permissible for the respective index.

Fastmarkets MB does not specify a minimum amount of transaction data, or a transaction data threshold, required for the publication of its indices because liquidity varies across the ferrous scrap markets.

In the event that in a particular pricing session the

dataset collected is not considered suitably robust (such as there being too few data points) for the calculation of an index, Fastmarkets will implement the following fallback procedures (1-7) until a suitable number of data points is reached to calculate the index:

1. Carry over transaction data from other sub-indices in same calculation period.
2. Carry over non-transaction data from other sub-indices in same calculation period.
3. Carry over transaction data from the previous calculation in the appropriate sub-index.
4. Carry over transaction data from the previous calculation from any sub-index .
5. Carry over non-transaction data from the previous calculation in the appropriate sub-index.
6. Carry over non-transaction data from the previous calculation from any sub-index.
7. If no price data can be collected then the index price will be carried over.

In the unlikely situation that more than half of the pricing data collected on a day is provided by a single source, Fastmarkets will use the fall-back procedures 3-7 (see above) to ensure there is not dependency on a significant proportion of data being provided by a single entity.

## Publication

The Fastmarkets MB Ferrous Scrap Indices are published according to the following schedule::

*Daily 4pm London time:*

- Steel scrap HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix) North Europe origin, cfr Turkey, \$/tonne
- Steel scrap HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix) US origin, cfr Turkey, \$/tonne
- Steel scrap, HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix), month-to-date deal-weighted average, North Europe origin, cfr Turkey, \$ per tonne
- Steel scrap HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix), fob Rotterdam, \$/tonne
- Steel scrap HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix) export, fob main port UK, \$ per tonne
- Steel scrap shredded export, fob main port UK, \$ per tonne
- Steel scrap shredded import, cfr Turkey, \$ per tonne

*Twice weekly, Tuesday and Friday 4pm London time:*

- Steel scrap shredded, index, import, cfr Nhava Sheva, India \$/tonne
- Steel scrap shredded, index, import, cfr Port Qasim, Pakistan, \$ per tonne

*Weekly, Tuesday, 4pm London time:*

- Steel scrap sheared HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix), index, domestic, delivered UAE, dirhams per tonne
- Steel scrap HMS 1&2 index, domestic composite, delivered Saudi Arabia, riyals per tonne

*Monthly, First Friday, 5-6pm Shanghai time*

- Steel scrap, index, heavy recycled steel materials, cfr east China, \$ per tonne
- Steel scrap, index, heavy recycled steel materials, cfr north China, \$ per tonne

Europe, UK and Middle East indices are not published on UK public holidays. India and Pakistan indices are not published on Indian holidays. China indices are not published on Chinese holidays. Where public holidays occur on a Tuesday or Friday, the weekly/twice weekly indices will be published the previous working day.

Please refer to the [pricing holiday schedule](#) for this year's public holidays.

### Corrections and delays

If an index is published incorrectly, it will be rectified and republished as soon as possible. A correction notice will be sent to all subscribers.

Fastmarkets MB employs several procedures and measures to avoid delays in the publication of the indices. In the event of a delay, however, Fastmarkets MB will inform subscribers as soon as possible.

In the event of late publication, only data that has been received within the correct standard time frame will be included in the calculations. No indices will be amended due to the emergence of new data or market activity after the initial publication.

Retrospective changes to the published values will only be made in cases of administrative or calculation error.

### Changes to Methodology

Changes to the methodology and/or index specification may be implemented following a formal consultation process that starts with Fastmarkets MB posting on its website an advance pricing notice providing clear details and a timeframe for the change proposed. The objective of the consultation process is to give market participants sufficient time and opportunity to provide feedback and views about the proposed changes.

Once a change has been confirmed, Fastmarkets MB will issue an updated pricing notice to the market, notifying participants of the decision and specifying the date from which any change will become effective.

### Procedure to ensure consistency in the price discovery process

Fastmarkets MB aims to maintain the highest standards in the provision of prices to those involved in the global metals industry. All Fastmarkets MB pricing employees are required to adhere to Fastmarkets MB's Code of Conduct and Pricing Guidelines.

All indices are subject to peer review prior to publication and are signed off by a senior member of Fastmarkets MB's editorial or index teams. This peer-review process is in place to make sure that pricing procedures and methodologies are correctly and consistently applied and to ensure integrity and quality of the published prices. Full details of data inputs and calculations are stored in Fastmarkets MB's electronic database and may be accessed at any time for internal review and auditing purposes.

### Index-related queries and complaints

Fastmarkets MB encourages engagement from the market on its pricing principles and methodology. The company promotes understanding of its calculation procedures and is committed to responding to requests for further information and clarification on a timely basis. There are multiple channels for interaction with the

index department including email, telephone and instant messenger services. If a subscriber has an issue with the published prices, then they may contact the index team; details are provided on page 8. In the event that the response is not satisfactory the issue may be escalated to the internal compliance department.

Fastmarkets MB takes all queries and complaints seriously and will seek to provide an explanation, wherever possible. It is important to note, however, that calculation models and input data remain confidential and cannot be provided to third parties.

## Ferrous scrap indices specifications

The Fastmarkets MB ferrous scrap Indices are benchmark prices representing the ferrous scrap market. All transaction data within the specified grades below are normalized to the base specification based on the value-in-use implied by the market. The indices are rounded to two decimal places.

The CFR and FOB indices are calculated separately. They reflect outright CFR and FOB values and are not based on net-back or net-forward calculations.

## Heavy melt scrap

### **MB-STE-0416 Steel scrap HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix) North Europe origin, cfr Turkey, \$/tonne**

Quality: HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix compliant with ISRI specifications 200-206. Grades normalized Shredded, HMS 1&2 (70:30), HMS 1&2 (90:10), HMS 1, Bonus Grade, P&S, and A3 material

Quantity: Min 5,000 tonnes

Location: cfr Iskenderun, Turkey

Timing: Within six weeks

Unit: USD per tonne

Payment Terms: Cash, other payment terms normalized to basis

Publication: Daily 4pm London time

Notes: Bulk carrier from Northern Europe

### **MB-STE-0417 Steel scrap HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix) US origin, cfr Turkey, \$/tonne**

Quality: HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix compliant with ISRI specifications 200-206. Grades normalized Shredded, HMS 1&2 (70:30), HMS 1&2 (90:10), HMS 1, Bonus Grade, P&S, and A3 material

Quantity: Min 5,000 tonnes

Location: cfr Iskenderun, Turkey

Timing: Within six weeks

Unit: USD per tonne

Payment Terms: Cash, other payment terms normalized to Iskenderun

Publication: Daily 4pm London time

Notes: Bulk carrier from the United States

### **MB-STE-0420**

#### **Steel scrap HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix), fob Rotterdam, \$/tonne**

Quality: HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix) NE origin compliant to ISRI specifications 200-206. Grades normalized: shredded, HMS 1&2 (70:30 mix), HMS 1&2 (90:10 mix), HMS 1, Bonus Grade, P&S, and A3 material

Quantity: Min 5,000 tonnes

Location: fob Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Timing: Within six weeks

Unit: USD per tonne

Payment Terms: Cash, other payment terms normalized to Rotterdam

Publication: Daily, 4pm London time

Notes: Bulk carrier from Northern Europe

### **MB-STE-0100**

#### **Steel scrap HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix) export, fob main port UK, \$/tonne**

Quality: 18x36 inches to 24x60 inches

Quantity: Standard order size 1,000 tonnes

Location: FOB UK

Timing: Up to 6 weeks

Unit: USD/tonne

Payment terms: LC, bank transfer

Publication: Daily, 4pm London time

#### **Month-to-date deal weighted average**

The Fastmarkets MB steel scrap, month-to-date deal-weighted average, HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix), North Europe origin, cfr Turkey, \$ per tonne considers only deals (not bids, offers or assessments) to reflect the price of traded material only, over the course of a given month, in the Turkey steel scrap import market.

The tonnage weighting is continuously applied and updated throughout the month and the index is only updated when deals occur. If no deals are heard on a given day, the price is rolled over.

The month-to-date deal weighted average is reset at the start of each month. If no deals are heard at the start of a given month, the previous month's closing price is published each day until deals are heard, from which point only the deals heard in the current month are used.

The data used is drawn from the same pool of data collected for the steel scrap HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix) North Europe origin, cfr Turkey, \$/tonne (MB-STE-0416), ie, any deals used in the daily price index will be used in the month-to-date average.

As with the daily index, material of different grades that falls within the target specification range will be normalized to the index base specification. Data will be normalized to the base specification using models developed in-house and based on regression analysis of the collected data points.

**MB-STE-0894**     **Steel scrap, HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix), month-to-date deal-weighted average, North Europe origin, cfr Turkey, \$ per tonne**

Quality: HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix compliant with ISRI specifications 200-206; grades normalized - Shredded, HMS 1&2 (70:30), HMS 1&2 (90:10), HMS 1, Bonus Grade, P&S, A3 material)

Quantity: Minimum 5,000 tonnes

Location: cfr Iskenderun, Turkey

Timing: Within six weeks

Unit: USD per tonne

Payment terms: Cash, other payment terms normalized to basis

Publication: Daily, 4pm London time

Notes: Bulk carrier from Northern Europe. Index is based on deals only. Tonnage weighting is applied cumulatively throughout each calendar month before resetting at the start of each new month.

**MB-STE-0910**

**Steel scrap sheared HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix), index, domestic, delivered UAE, dirhams per tonne**

Quality: Sheared, obsolete, HMS 1&2 scrap comprising material such as deformed bars and wire from demolished buildings. Material is processed and typically cut into 2-3x1 ft lengths. Maximum 1.5% impurity. Higher-density material with minimum net weight per load of 30 tonnes in a 40ft extended trailer. Material density expected to be 0.7 tonnes per cubic meter and above. Min 100 tonnes

Quantity: Delivered consumer Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Location: Within four weeks

Timing: UAE dirhams per tonne

Unit: Bank transfer within 30 days of delivery

Payment terms: Tuesdays, 4-5pm London time

Publication: Excludes VAT. Other payment terms, locations and material sizes may be normalized based on market participant information

Notes:

**MB-STE-0939**

**Steel scrap HMS 1&2 index, domestic composite, delivered Saudi Arabia, riyals per tonne**

Quality: HMS 1&2 scrap. Quality may range from HMS 1&2 (60:40) to HMS 1&2 (80:20). Material is not sheared.

Quantity: Min 100 tonnes

Location: Delivered consumer Saudi Arabia. The index is a tonnage-weighted, regionally split index with sub-indices for the key markets of Jeddah, Riyadh and Dammam. The weighting of the national index to the final number has been set based on consumption capacity across the Kingdom based on market participants' feedback.

Timing: Within three weeks

Unit: Saudi riyals per tonne

Payment terms: Letter of Credit, Bank Transfer

Publication: Tuesdays, 4-5pm London time.

## Heavy scrap

**MB-STE-0889 Steel scrap, index, heavy recycled steel materials, cfr east China, \$ per tonne**

Quality: Cut structural and plate scrap, compliant with China scrap standard HRS101, minimum thickness of 6mm, minimum diameter of 10mm, length less than 1,500mm, width less than 600mm, maximum unit weight 1,500kg

Quantity: Minimum 2,000 tonnes (bulk)

Location: cfr eastern China ports

Timing: 3-10 weeks

Unit: US\$ per tonne

Payment terms: Letter of credit on sight

Publication: Monthly, First Friday, 5-6pm Shanghai time

**MB-STE-0895 Steel scrap, index, heavy recycled steel materials, cfr north China, \$ per tonne**

Quality: Cut structural and plate scrap, compliant with China scrap standard HRS101, minimum thickness of 6mm, minimum diameter of 10mm, length less than 1,500mm, width less than 600mm, maximum unit weight 1,500kg

Quantity: Minimum 2,000 tonnes (bulk)

Location: cfr northern China ports

Timing: 3-10 weeks

Unit: US\$ per tonne

Payment terms: Letter of credit on sight

Publication: Monthly, First Friday, 5-6pm Shanghai time

## Shredded

**MB-STE-0095 Steel scrap shredded import, cfr delivered Turkish port, \$/tonne**

Quality: Standard size 200mm

Quantity: Standard order size 1,000 tonnes

Location: cfr Europe, USA

Timing: Up to six weeks

Unit: USD/tonne

Payment terms: LC, bank transfer

Publication: Daily, 4pm London time

**MB-STE-0099 Steel scrap shredded export, fob main port UK, \$/tonne**

Quality: Standard size 200mm

Quantity: Standard order size 1,000 tonnes

Location: FOB UK

Timing: Up to 6 weeks

Unit: USD/tonne

Payment terms: LC, bank transfer

Publication: Daily, 4pm London time

**MB-STE-0421 Steel scrap shredded, index, import, cfr Nhava Sheva, India \$/tonne**

Quality: Shredded material, compliant to ISRI specifications 210-212. Grades normalized: shredded, HMS 1&2 (70:30 mix), HMS 1&2 (90:10 mix), HMS 1, Bonus Grade, P&S, and A3 material

Quantity: Min 100 tonnes

Location: cfr Nhava Sheva

Timing: Within six weeks

Unit: USD per tonne

Payment Terms: Cash, other payment terms normalized to Nhava Sheva

Publication: Twice weekly, Tuesday and Fridays at 4pm London time

Notes: Containerized, all origins

**MB-STE-0887**      **Steel scrap shredded, index, import, cfr Port Qasim, Pakistan, \$ per tonne**

Quality: Shredded scrap, compliant to ISRI specifications 210-212.  
 Quantity: Minimum 500 tonnes  
 Location: cfr Port Qasim, Pakistan  
 Timing: Within six weeks  
 Unit: \$ per tonne  
 Payment terms: Letter of credit  
 Publication: Weekly, Fridays at 4pm London time  
 Notes: Containerized, all origins.

**MB-STE-0927**      **Steel scrap, shredded, index, domestic, delivered UAE, dirhams per tonne**

Quality: Shredded scrap, compliant to ISRI specifications 210-212. Maximum 1.5% impurity. Higher-density material with minimum net weight per load of 40 tonnes in a 40ft extended trailer. Material density expected to be 0.8 tonnes per cubic meter and above.  
 Quantity: Min 100 tonnes  
 Location: Delivered consumer Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)  
 Timing: Within four weeks  
 Unit: UAE dirhams per tonne  
 Payment terms: Bank transfer within 30 days of delivery  
 Publication: Tuesdays, 4-5pm London time  
 Notes: Excludes VAT. Other payment terms, locations and material sizes may be normalized based on market participant information.

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