



AUGUST 4, 2020

LOCATION	INCO TERM	PREMIUM IN USD/TONNE	LAST WEEK'S PRICE	NOTES
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>				
Australia	Alumina fob	272.09	278.89	Index remains at lowest since July 9. Market edging close to \$270/t with excess cargoes in market and lack of demand from buyers in China. Participants note some consumers have a number of cargoes to sell for Sept loading. LME aluminium price remains well above \$1,700/t but failing to support alumina prices for now.
Taiwan	P1020A cif		90-100	Next assessment on August 11.
Japan	P1020A cif	70-75	65-75	Majority of market participants no longer see \$65/t as tradable on improving sentiment from auto industry and wide contango on LME. Open Chinese arbitrage window also supported minimum level at \$70/t because participants would rather divert cargoes to China than sell into Japan at lower premium.
Shanghai	P1020A in-whs		120-140	Next assessment on August 25.
Shanghai	P1020A cif		110-130	Next assessment on August 25.
Republic of Korea	P1020A South Korea duty-free fca	100-110	100-110	Some assessed premium as high as \$115/t for very prompt cargoes, but Fastmarkets to confirm in coming pricing session if above \$110/t is achievable for bulk of market.
Republic of Korea	P1020A cif	85-95	85-95	Premium unchanged in line with South Korea fca premium.
Italy	P1020A fca DP	150-160	145-155	Premium moves up due to higher premiums in Rotterdam, better demand from consumers. Traders note consumers have better credit with banks being more lenient. Limited tonnage being available due to decline in shipments over past few months supports premium increase.
Rotterdam	P1020A in-whs DUP	90-95	85-90	Premium moves to highest since April 3. Sellers happy to hold onto material rather than sell. Offers as high as \$100/t in recent sessions. Liquidity in duty-unpaid market expected to remain low in Aug, with participants out of market for summer. LME C/3M spread widens to \$38.50/t contango.
Rotterdam	P1020A in-whs DP	110-125	105-120	Some traders offering material as high as \$130/t, but business has yet to conclude at that level. Wide LME spread contangos continue to support premium. But consumer demand remains weak, with many participants expecting market to be quiet through Aug.
Spain	P1020A fca DP		145-155	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Turkey	P1020A cif DUP		100-110	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Midwest United States	P1020A dlvd DP	11-12 cents/lb	10.5-11.5 cents/lb	Spot deals to end-users continue to be infrequent, with activity dominated by trader-to-trader business. Sentiment remains bullish with expectations that Canadian metal will soon be hit with tariffs. That assumption has contracted discounting and raised valuations of premium.
United States	P1020A cif	4.75-5.25 cents/lb	4.75-5.25 cents/lb	No liquidity captured.
Brazil	P1020A dlvd		240-260	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Brazil	P1020A cif		150-160	Next assessment on Aug 11.

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<b>COPPER</b>				
Taiwan	grade A cif		75-80	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Japan	grade A cif		75-80	Next assessment on Aug 25.
Shanghai	grade A in-whs	80-90	80-95	Market dips as stocks rise across Shanghai.
Shanghai	grade A ER in-whs	85-90	90-95	See Shanghai, grade A in-whs.
Shanghai	grade A SX-EW in-whs	80-85	80-85	See Shanghai, grade A in-whs.
Shanghai	grade A cif	65-78	70-85	Demand slow as evidenced by buildup of stocks on SHFE and in bonded zone.
Shanghai	grade A ER cif	70-78	80-85	See Shanghai, grade A cif.
Shanghai	grade A SX-EW cif	65-70	70-75	See Shanghai, grade A cif.
South East Asia	grade A cif	70-80	70-80	Very little spot business, consumers relying on term contracts. Regional producers starting to build up long positions.
Republic of Korea	grade A cif	75-80	75-80	Production operating at high level.
Germany	grade A dlvd		80-90	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Leghorn	grade A cif		45-55	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Rotterdam	grade A cif	40-50	40-50	European producers still seeing greater margins for shipment of cathode to Asia, while many are selling directly to consumers, though deals remain volume dependent. Brass sector said to be producing at 50% capacity, rod/wire production now steadying. LME warrant availability continues to weaken amid outflows/fresh cancellations, but sellers continue to dominate.
Midwest United States	grade A DDP	6-7 cents/lb	6-7 cents/lb	Market especially quiet with little volatility due to seasonal patterns and slow start-up in automotive sector due to Covid-19.
Europe	EQ cif		25-35	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Shanghai	EQ cif		35-40	Next assessment on Aug 11.
<b>LEAD</b>				
Taiwan	99.97% cif		70-90	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Taiwan	99.99% cif		100-120	Next assessment on Aug 11.
India	99.97% cif	50-100	50-100	Spot appetite weak for refined lead, with preference for bullion and remelt units. Factories can still operate during daytime despite surging Covid-19 cases, making suppliers wary of logistic risk. No activity seen in 99.99% market.
India	99.99% cif	160-170	160-170	See lead 99.97% ingot India cif.
South East Asia	99.97% cif	70-85	50-70	Improved spot demand boosts premium. Demand seen from Vietnam and Malaysia with 99.97% ingot sold at \$80s/t. Premium for 99.99% units also rises, with more market activity seen at \$130s/t.
South East Asia	99.99% cif	125-145	120-140	See 99.97% lead Southeast Asia cif.
Midwest United States	99.99% DDP	10-12 cents/lb	10-12 cents/lb	Spot trade quiet, many units in LME warehouses in US.
Midwest United States	99.97% DDP	8.5-9.5 cents/lb	8.5-9.5 cents/lb	Purchasing largely confined to contract business. LME supply ample in US.



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<b>TIN</b>				
Taiwan	99.9% cif		280-300	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Shanghai	99.9% cif		280-300	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Shanghai	99.9% low lead cif		360-400	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Rotterdam	99.9% in-whs		325-400	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Rotterdam	99.9% low lead in-whs		400-475	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Baltimore	99.85% in-whs		400-500	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Midwest United States	99.85% ASTM dlvd		450-540	Next assessment on Aug 11.
<b>ZINC</b>				
Taiwan	SHG cif		90-110	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Shanghai	SHG cif	70-80	70-80	Import arbitrage window closed, market quiet. SHFE zinc stocks dipped 841t (0.9%) week on week to 88,347t on July 31.
Shanghai	SHG in-whs	80-90	80-90	See zinc cif Shanghai ingot premium.
Singapore	SHG fca		90-100	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Malaysia	SHG fca		90-100	Next assessment on Aug 11.
South East Asia	SHG cif		95-115	Next assessment on Aug 11.
Rotterdam	SHG fca DP	80-100	80-100	See zinc SHG ingot Antwerp DP fca.
Antwerp	SHG fca DP	80-100	80-100	Strong warrant availability amid seasonal maintenance slowdown. No new business reported to Fastmarkets - one offer slightly above range but for smaller volume. Participants note that fresh output looks to be making its way onto exchange, with some traders indicating potential renewed interest in zinc trade as a result. That said, supply concerns remain due to production woes out of Latin America and Namibia. LME stocks at 187,650t, up from 173,000 a week earlier. Stocks total 6,900t in Antwerp and 1,325t in Rotterdam.
Italy	SHG fca DP	145-155	145-155	Market steady, many regular participants on sidelines due to summer holidays and maintenance. Aug maintenance begins this week for foundries, with producers preparing to hold stock for the month and sell in Sept. Demand expected to improve in Q4, but participants expect long-term contract negotiations to be more difficult with no LME Week gathering this year.
Italy	SHG DDP	170-190	170-190	Minimal spot activity, with many participants out of market for summer. No new deals reported to Fastmarkets, and some participants have moved their assessments lower to reflect lack of demand. Contract negotiations for H2 ongoing, with some hopeful of better demand as year progresses.
Midwest United States	SHG DDP	8-8.5 cents/lb	8-8.5 cents/lb	Spot trade remains thin.
<b>NICKEL</b>				
Shanghai	Briquettes cif		110-140	Next assessment on Aug 25.
Shanghai	Full plates in-whs	100-130	100-130	No offers heard amid closed arb, which has pushed up nickel inventories in Shanghai bonded warehouses. Fastmarkets assessed Shanghai bonded stocks at 13,600-21,800t on July 31, up by 3.5% from 12,600-21,600t on June 30.
Shanghai	Full plates cif	100-130	100-130	Little import appetite amid big arb loss despite lower offers.



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<b>NICKEL (cont'd)</b>				
<b>Rotterdam</b>	Full plates in-whs	60-100	60-100	Spot market illiquid amid summer holidays. Physical demand remains weak.
<b>Rotterdam</b>	4x4 cathodes in-whs	210-250	210-250	Liquidity remains low, with many participants out of spot market for traditional summer shutdowns.
<b>Rotterdam</b>	briquettes in-whs	20-80	20-80	Spot market subdued amid summer shutdowns. Participants continue to assess current level as tradable, while some report healthy forward inquiry for briquette.
<b>Midwest United States</b>	4x4 cathodes DDP	33-38 cents/lb	33-38 cents/lb	Spot demand lacking amid pandemic, summer slowdowns.
<b>Midwest United States</b>	briquettes DDP	15-18 cents/lb	15-18 cents/lb	Buyers awaiting spot tenders from steel mills returning from extended shutdowns.

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