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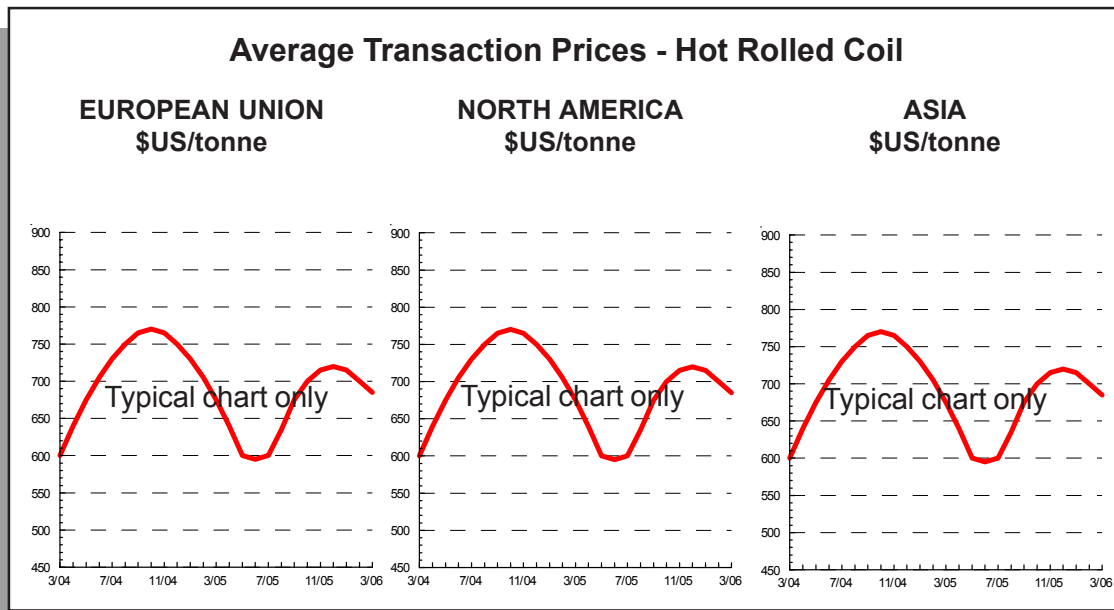
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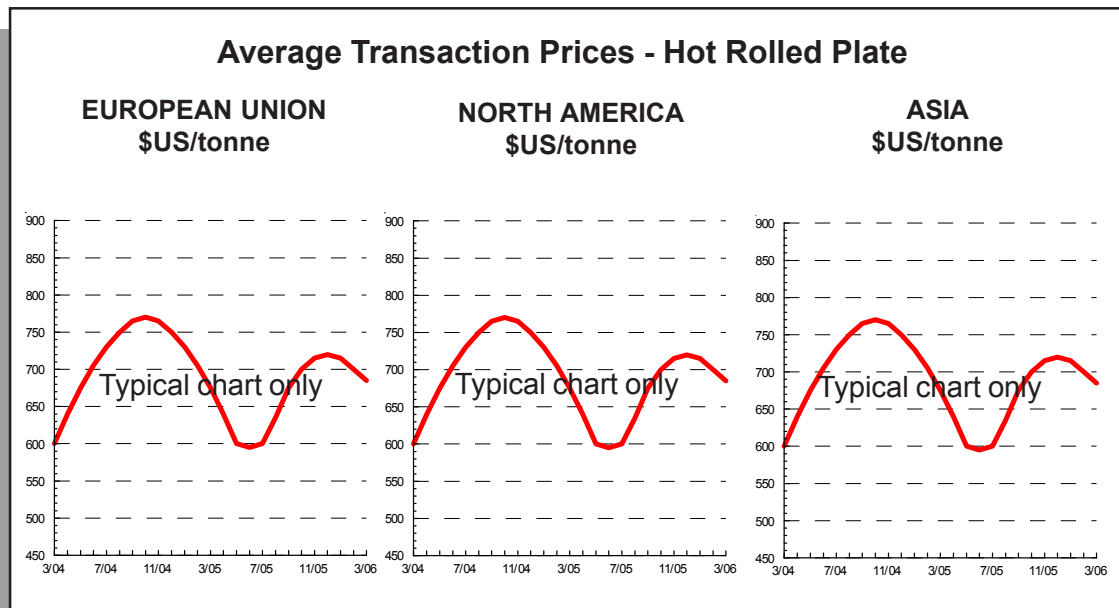
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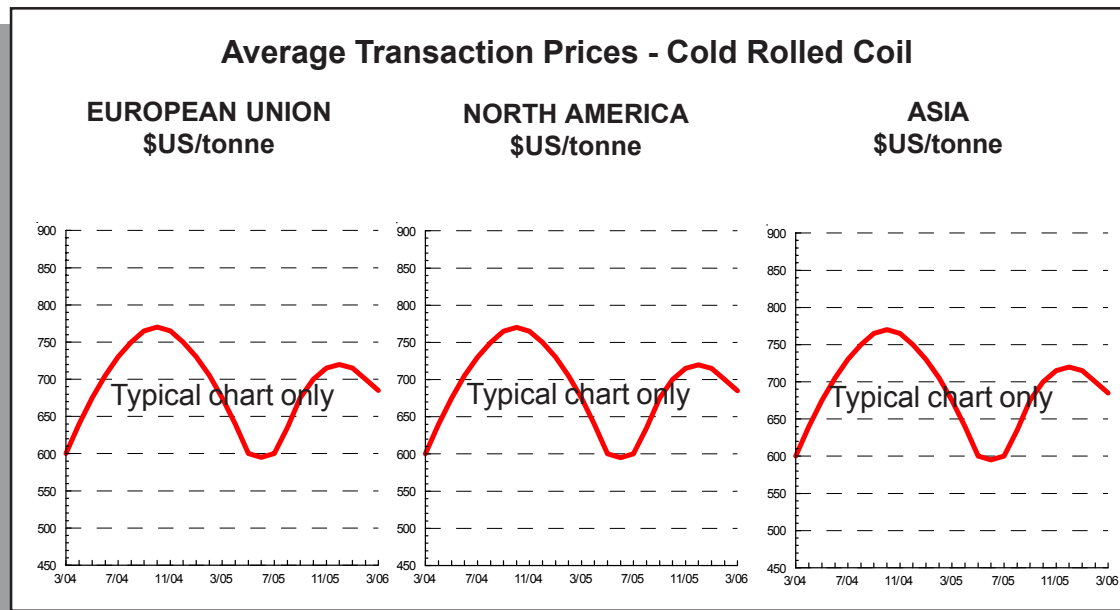
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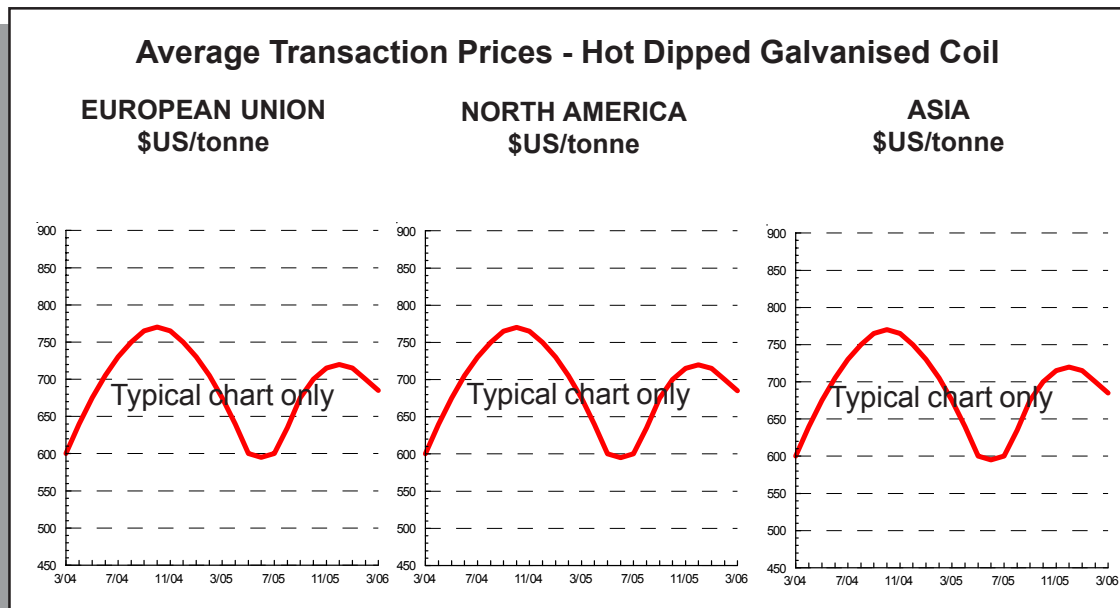
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DEFINITIONS

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Hot rolled wide and narrow strip/sheet, for sale by the producers, destined for direct use or further processing outside the factory of origin.

HOT ROLLED PLATE:

Products of thickness >3mm, and width >600mm in cut lengths.

COLD ROLLED SHEETS: (Excluding Electrical Sheet)

Cold rolled products of thickness <3mm and width >500mm, in cut lengths or coils, destined for direct use in original form (i.e. not for use as substrate for further coating inside the factory of origin).

ZINC COATED SHEETS:

Sheets of width >500mm in cut lengths or coils, having a hot or cold rolled substrate base with the application on one or both sides with a zinc coating.

ELECTRICAL SHEET:

Silicon electrical grades, cold rolled as non oriented and grain oriented sheets.

TIN MILL PRODUCTS:

Cold rolled sheet from a tin mill for subsequent coating with tin or chromium oxide.

SECTIONS AND BEAMS:

Medium and heavy structural sections and wide flanged beams >80mm wide. Also includes sheet piling.

WIRE ROD:

Hot rolled wire rod, wound in irregularly sized coils - including concrete reinforcing bars sold in coils.

CONCRETE REINFORCING BARS:

In sizes >5mm having a uniform surface, crenellated or ribbed and intended for reinforcement of concrete, including straightened wire rod. Reinforcing bars in coils are not included.

MERCHANT BARS:

Small structural sections <80mm and bars in all sizes.

SHIPMENTS AND CONSUMPTION:

US and Canada - statistics relate to carbon grades. Chinese statistics relate to ordinary steels.

PRODUCTION:

EU and Brazil statistics include all grades of steel. South Korean, Japanese and Taiwanese data relates to ordinary steels.

TRADE:

Includes all trade with third countries.

NEGOTIATED AVERAGE TRANSACTION PRICES:

Regional prices are derived from an average of country data collected in an area - ex mill for forward delivery to their domestic/local markets. All prices converted to US dollars at the exchange rate at the start of the relevant month.