

Shanghai Metals Market Price Assessment Methodology

SMM 304/2B Stainless Steel Coil spot price

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1. Guidelines to SMM price assessment methodology

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This document specifies the standards and management methods for the SMM 304/2B Stainless Steel Coil spot price assessment. These standards are formulated to establish a transparent and verifiable SMM price setting mechanism and provide market participants with an important pricing indicator.

2. Guidelines to SMM 304/2B Stainless Steel Coil spot price

2.1 Definition

The SMM 304/2B Stainless Steel Coil spot prices are assessed and reported based on the methodology defined in this document. The prices reflect offers from agents (sales agents designated by stainless steel mills) and traders in Wuxi stainless steel spot market at the time of publication on each complete trading day.

Prices assessed in this methodology refer to prices of cold-rolled stainless steel coil (304/2B) with rough surface finish, namely 304/2B.

2.2 Introduction of price assessment

SMM collects data information used to evaluate stainless steel (304/2B) spot prices by means of standard acquisition (that is, the collection of raw data information that complies with the SMM Data Standards Policy), from including the offers on the same day and the actually traded price of spot transaction provided by the price submitters that have signed agreements with SMM and price submitters that did not sign agreements with SMM but meet price collection standards. The amount of each transaction that can be deemed as the standard stainless steel spot offers or trades in the price collection will be not less than 20 mt. Data collection, assessment (calculation) and daily management of SMM stainless steel (304/2B) spot prices are conducted by SMM Operational teams (consists of 2 price analysts and a price manager).

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