

Introduction to using LZ-prognose.de

Are you a new customer? Then you will find all the information you need to make full use of our forecasts here.

Even if you are already using LZ-Prognose, this guide may provide you with some additional information.

There are 3 time horizons.

- Firstly, we have the **short-term trend area with forecasts for 2 months in advance**. Our customers can access this via the **customer area of our homepage** using their login details.
- Our **3-month analysis** with commodity outlook is responsible for the **medium-term time horizon**. You will receive this as a PDF by email at the beginning of each month.
- Do you need a **long-term outlook** for the next year? Then we offer our favourable **annual forecast** every autumn. It is a detailed analysis in compact form.

1. Short-term trend range with forecasts for 2 months in advance

a. [Login](#)

An email verification has been sent to your email address. Please look into your mailbox and click on the link you received to access the data area.
Note: You may also check the spam folder.

This is done for security reasons when you have logged in on a new device / browser.

Note: If the email link does not work, mark the complete link in the email with the cursor, copy it and paste it into your browser manually.

Username or Email Address

Password

Remember Me

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[Register](#) | [Lost your password?](#)  2

If you have problems logging in, please refer to our [FAQ site](#). You can get answers to most of your questions there.

If you have problems to access you can use our mirror site www.lzprognose.de in the same way.  3

When using the outdated Internet Explorer, problems can arise with the data display. Please use a different browser if possible.

Forgot username? Please [contact us](#). Not registered yet? [Become a Customer](#).

Verification link:

After entering your email and password for the first time, an orange block will appear above the entry with some instructions for sending a verification link.

After clicking on your verification link in the email you have received, you will be taken to the customer data area.

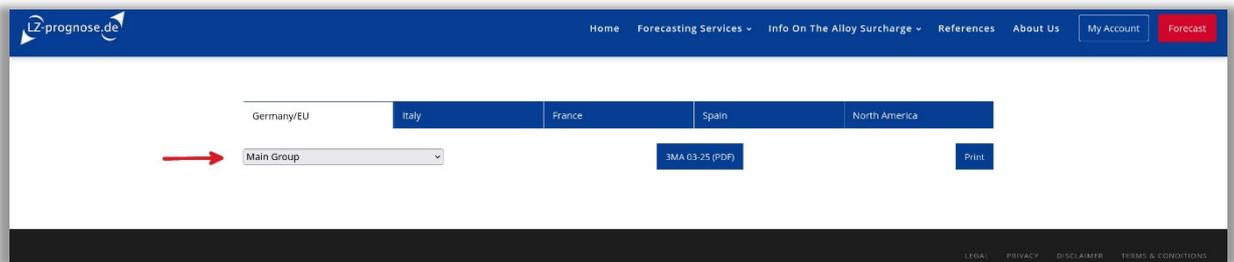
Note: This verification normally only takes place once every six months and is saved in your browser using a cookie. If you receive the verification email more frequently, your cookies will be deleted automatically. To create an exception for LZ-prognose.de in your browser, there are instructions in the FAQs [‘All about the login’](#) .

If you have **forgotten your password**, click on ‘Lost your password’ (**arrow 1**). You will then receive a password reset link by email.

If you have **problems with logging in**, take a look at the **FAQ section (arrow 2)**

If the **LZ-prognose.de website is unavailable**, you can also log in to our **mirror site www.LZprognose.de** (without the hyphen) using your access data (**arrow 3**).

b. Data area



First select the country for your desired alloy surcharges (Germany/EU is the default setting). Then select your product group from the menu under ‘Main group’ (**arrow**).

You will receive the following image:

The screenshot shows the LZ-prognose.de website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Forecasting Services, Info On The Alloy Surcharge, References, About Us, My Account, and Forecast. A red arrow labeled '10' points to the 'Forecast' button. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for different regions: Germany/EU, Italy (selected), France, Spain, and North America. A dropdown menu shows 'Flat products (Outokumpu)'. There are buttons for '3MA 03-25 (PDF)' (arrow 8) and 'Print' (arrow 9). A section titled 'Forecast colours:' explains the color coding: Violet (indicative value), Red (significant change), Yellow (slight change), and Green (marginal change). Below this, there are links for 'Quick Guide' (arrow 1) and 'Complete List of Materials' (arrow 2). A section for 'Flat products (Outokumpu)' includes a link for 'Alloy Surcharges Outokumpu' (arrow 3) and a copyright notice. A search bar (arrow 4) and a 'Show 10 entries' dropdown (arrow 5) are present. A 'Delete presets' button (arrow 6) is located above the table. The table has columns for Material, Current AS (€/kg) for Mar, AS-Forecast (€/kg) for Apr, AS-Forecast (€/kg) for May, and History (arrow 7). The table lists materials with their current and forecasted values and percentage changes. At the bottom, there is a pagination bar showing 'Showing 1 to 10 of 104 entries' and a footer with legal information.

Please note the information regarding the forecast colours.

If you are **looking for specific materials**, you can enter them under **arrow 4**.

If your material is not displayed for this manufacturer or group, you can open the **complete list of all available materials** as an Excel table at **arrow 2** and search globally there. Perhaps we have your material from another manufacturer. You can then use these forecasts as a guide, as in our experience, although the alloy surcharges vary from manufacturer to manufacturer, the trend is usually very similar.

Personal material favourites: Click on 'Graph + Favorite' (**arrow 7**) for all your desired materials one after the other, then these materials will appear on the first page the next time you log in. You will find **detailed instructions under arrow 1**. You can **delete your favourites with arrow 6**.

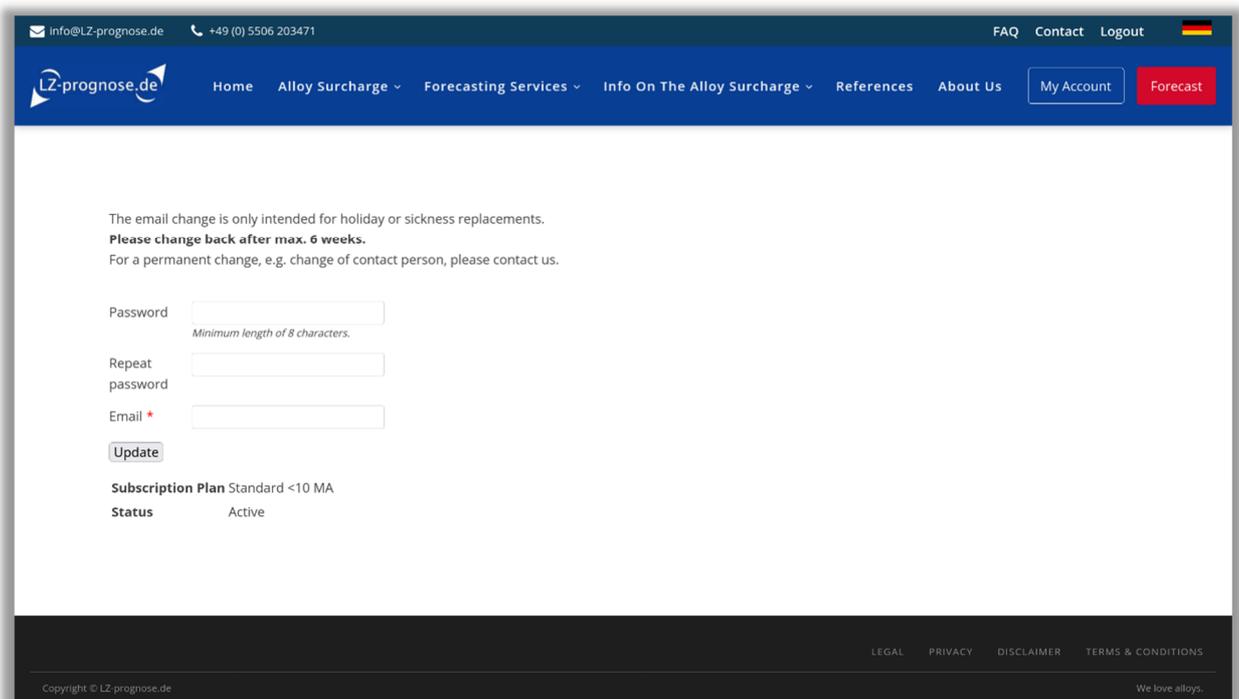
A graph of the alloy surcharges of the last 12 months is displayed with **arrow 7**.

The **number of materials displayed** in the table is shown with **arrow 5**. If you want to view or **print** out all materials (**arrow 9**), set the display to 'All'.

Download link of the manufacturer's alloy surcharges is shown by **arrow 3**, if available. There you can download historical alloy surcharges over a longer period of time.

You can also view the **current 3-month analysis**, which you normally receive by email as a download link, by clicking on **arrow 8**.

c. Change your own data (password, e-mail address for holiday or sickness replacements) (arrow 10)



The screenshot shows the user account page on the LZ-prognose.de website. The page has a dark blue header with the company logo and navigation links: Home, Alloy Surcharge, Forecasting Services, Info On The Alloy Surcharge, References, About Us, My Account, and Forecast. The main content area is white and contains the following text:

The email change is only intended for holiday or sickness replacements.
Please change back after max. 6 weeks.
For a permanent change, e.g. change of contact person, please contact us.

Below this text are three input fields: Password (with a note "Minimum length of 8 characters."), Repeat password, and Email (marked with a red asterisk). An "Update" button is located below the email field.

At the bottom of the form, the user's current information is displayed:

Subscription Plan	Standard <10 MA
Status	Active

The footer of the page includes links for LEGAL, PRIVACY, DISCLAIMER, and TERMS & CONDITIONS, along with the copyright notice "Copyright © LZ-prognose.de" and the slogan "We love alloys."

Here you can change your password and/or your email address for holiday or sickness replacements.

Please note that changing the verification email is only intended for substitutions such as holidays or illness, which must then be changed back again.

If the contact person or your email address changes in general, please let us know by email.

2. The medium-term trend range - 3-month analysis

The 3-month analysis is sent as a download link by email at the beginning of each month. There you will find summarised background information on the raw materials relevant to the alloy surcharge, such as nickel, molybdenum and chrome etc. The final part is an alloy surcharge table of the most important materials from all manufacturers. This contains our alloy surcharge forecasts for the next 3 months as an average. This table is intended to give you an indication of where the alloy surcharges may be heading in the medium term.

You can also call up the 3-month analysis in the data area of the homepage, see **arrow 8** in the picture above.

3. The long-term outlook for the coming year - The annual analysis and forecast for the following year

Every autumn (usually at the end of October), LZ-prognose.de prepares a detailed analysis and forecast of the raw materials relevant to stainless steel and the resulting alloy and energy surcharges for the coming year.

This annual forecast contains a detailed and clear analysis of the previous year, the status quo and, based on this, a quarterly forecast of the materials relevant for stainless steel. You can find more information and prices on our homepage ([annual analysis](#)). You will be informed by email as soon as it is published.