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**Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products
November 2001**

The Bureau of the Census, through the Department of Commerce, announced today that preliminary November steel imports were **\$0.9 billion (2.4 million metric tons)**. This was a decrease of \$0.1 billion (0.1 million metric tons) from the preliminary October totals of \$1.0 billion (2.5 million metric tons).

The October to November change in steel imports, based on metric tonnage, reflected decreases primarily in wire rods and blooms, billets, and slabs. Monthly changes in steel imports reflected decreases primarily with Russia and Taiwan, partially offset by an increase with Brazil.

The year to date final statistics through October of 2001 showed steel imports of 22.8 million metric tons, a decrease of 7.5 million metric tons through October 2000. The largest commodity decreases were in hot rolled sheets; blooms, billets, and slabs; heavy structural shapes; and plates in coils. The largest country decreases were with Ukraine, Brazil, India, and Taiwan.

Notes:

The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.

Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details visit the Foreign Trade Division web site at: www.census.gov/foreign-trade/www/. On the web site you can access product by country and country by product tables.

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