

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Exhibit 2b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value In thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Commodity Grouping	January 2006 Cumulative To Date - Final		January 2005 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	72,732	243,204	79,185	250,505
Ingots And Steel For Castings	841	3,637	2,128	4,322
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	6,994	18,370	6,855	20,358
Wire Rods	2,882	7,736	4,276	10,986
Structural Shapes Heavy	171	612	153	653
Plates Cut Lengths	3,411	12,996	2,663	8,444
Plates In Coils	2,044	5,397	2,015	5,791
Bars - Hot Rolled	1,705	7,406	1,560	5,784
Bars - Light Shaped	501	1,467	1,054	3,147
Bars - Cold Finished	5,937	23,050	7,316	27,550
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	11,236	62,599	10,022	47,962
Wire Drawn	3,865	16,614	3,322	13,719
Sheets Hot Rolled	1,902	2,929	1,054	2,267
Sheets Cold Rolled	27,591	66,420	33,058	85,955
Strip - Hot Rolled	368	813	62	159
Strip - Cold Rolled	3,284	13,159	3,647	13,408

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html.