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## **Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products October 2006**

The U.S. Census Bureau, announced today that preliminary October steel imports were **\$2.9 billion (3.5 million** metric tons) compared to the preliminary September totals of \$2.6 billion (3.4 million metric tons).

The September to October change in steel imports, based on metric tonnage, reflected increases primarily in plates in coils and line pipe not specified. A decrease occurred primarily in reinforcing bars. Monthly changes in steel imports reflected increases primarily with Ukraine and Russia. A decrease occurred primarily with Turkey.

The year to date final statistics through September 2006 showed steel imports of 31.7 million metric tons compared to 21.8 million metric tons through September 2005. The largest commodity increases were in blooms, billets, and slabs; hot rolled sheets; cold rolled sheets; and reinforcing bars. The largest country increases were with China and Russia. The largest country decrease was with Mexico.

**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/](http://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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