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Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products June 2013

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary June steel imports were **\$2.3 billion** (**2.2 million** metric tons) compared to the preliminary May totals of \$2.5 billion (2.5 million metric tons).

The June change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected decreases primarily in blooms, billets and slabs; and increases occurred primarily in hot rolled sheets and plates in coils. A decrease occurred primarily with Brazil. Increases occurred primarily with Mexico and Germany.

The year to date final statistics through May 2013 showed steel imports of 12.0 million metric tons compared with 13.4 million metric tons through May 2012. The largest commodity decreases occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Increases occurred primarily in hot dipped galvanized sheets and strips and hot rolled bars. The largest country decrease occurred primarily with Russia. Increases occurred primarily with Mexico and China.

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/trade. On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.

The next release is August 23, 2013.