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Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products September 2014

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary September steel imports were **\$3.3 billion (3.5 million** metric tons) compared to the preliminary August totals of \$3.2 billion (3.3 million metric tons).

The September change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases primarily in hot rolled sheets; cold rolled sheets; and blooms, billets, and slabs. Decreases occurred primarily in sheets and strips; line pipe; and reinforcing bars. Increases occurred primarily with Brazil and China. Decreases occurred primarily with Japan, Korea, and Australia.

The year to date final statistics through August 2014 showed steel imports of 26 million metric tons compared with 19.2 million metric tons through August 2013. The largest commodity increases occurred primarily in blooms, billets and slabs; galvanized hot dipped sheets and strips; and cold rolled sheets. Decreases occurred primarily in line pipe, standard rails, and hot rolled bars. The largest country increases occurred primarily with Russia, Korea, and China. Decreases occurred primarily with Argentina, Ukraine, and Thailand.

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 November 25, 2014.