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Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products July 2015

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary July steel imports were \$2.4 billion (2.9 million metric tons) compared to the preliminary June totals of \$2.3 billion (2.8 million metric tons).

The July change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases primarily in reinforcing bars; blooms, billets, and slabs; and hot dipped galvanized sheets. Decreases occurred primarily in hot rolled sheets, standard pipe, and wire rods. Increases occurred primarily with Mexico, China, and Turkey. Decreases occurred primarily with Japan, Canada, and Taiwan.

The year to date final statistics through June 2015 showed steel imports of 19.7 million metric tons compared with 19.1 million metric tons through June 2014. The largest commodity increases occurred primarily in line pipe, hot dipped galvanized sheets, and reinforcing bars. Decreases occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. The largest country increases occurred primarily with Turkey, Brazil, and South Korea. Decreases occurred primarily with Russia, Mexico, and Austria.

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 our 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 September 25, 2015.