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**Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products
June 2001**

The Bureau of the Census, through the Department of Commerce, announced today that preliminary June steel imports were **\$0.9 billion (2.2 million metric tons)**. This was virtually the same value and an increase of 0.2 million metric tons from the preliminary May totals of \$0.9 billion (2.0 million metric tons).

The May to June change in steel imports, based on metric tonnage, reflected increases primarily in wire rods and blooms, billets, and slabs. Monthly changes in steel imports reflected increases primarily with Russia and Turkey.

The year to date final statistics through May of 2001 showed steel imports of 10.8 million metric tons, a decrease of 4.6 million metric tons from the 15.4 million metric tons through May of 2000. The largest commodity decreases were in blooms, billets, and slabs; hot rolled sheets; and plates in coils. The largest country decreases were with Brazil, Taiwan, and Ukraine.

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/. On the web site you can access product by country and country by product tables.

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