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

The Bureau of the Census, through the Department of Commerce, announced today that preliminary July steel imports were **\$1.0 billion (2.2 million metric tons)**. This was virtually the same as the preliminary June totals of \$0.9 billion (2.2 million metric tons).

The June to July change in steel imports, based on metric tonnage, reflected a decrease primarily in hot rolled sheets, and an increase primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Monthly changes in steel imports reflected a decrease primarily with Turkey, and increases primarily with Mexico and Brazil.

The year to date final statistics through June of 2001 showed steel imports of 13.1 million metric tons, a decrease of 5.4 million metric tons from the 18.4 million metric tons through June of 2000. The largest commodity decreases were in hot rolled sheets; blooms, billets, and slabs; and plates in coils. The largest country decreases were with Brazil, Ukraine, and Taiwan.

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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