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**Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products
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The Bureau of the Census, through the Department of Commerce, announced today that preliminary September steel imports were **\$0.8 billion (2.0 million metric tons)**. This was a decrease of \$0.2 billion (0.4 million metric tons) from the preliminary August totals of \$1.0 billion (2.4 million metric tons).

The August to September change in steel imports, based on metric tonnage, reflected decreases primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs and reinforcing bars. Monthly changes in steel imports reflected decreases primarily with Japan and Mexico.

The year to date final statistics through August of 2001 showed steel imports of 18.0 million metric tons, a decrease of 7.0 million metric tons from the 24.9 million metric tons through August of 2000. The largest commodity decreases were in hot rolled sheets; blooms, billets, and slabs; plates in coils; and heavy structural shapes. The largest country decreases were with Ukraine, Brazil, India, 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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