

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**Exhibit 2b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products: (Census Basis)**

Quantity in metric tons/value In thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

| Commodity Grouping                | March 2002 Cumulative To Date - Final |                | March 2001 Cumulative To Date - Final |                |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
|                                   | Quantity                              | Value          | Quantity                              | Value          |
| <b>Total Selected Commodities</b> | <b>245,497</b>                        | <b>404,352</b> | <b>213,216</b>                        | <b>428,685</b> |
| Ingots And Steel For Castings     | 7,827                                 | 8,846          | 4,379                                 | 5,936          |
| Blooms, Billets And Slabs         | 85,051                                | 89,959         | 61,743                                | 69,982         |
| Wire Rods                         | 18,204                                | 28,886         | 15,173                                | 28,729         |
| Structural Shapes Heavy           | 603                                   | 1,711          | 587                                   | 1,787          |
| Plates Cut Lengths                | 8,807                                 | 14,628         | 6,630                                 | 14,456         |
| Plates In Coils                   | 7,215                                 | 8,445          | 3,203                                 | 4,981          |
| Bars - Hot Rolled                 | 6,535                                 | 13,555         | 6,126                                 | 13,960         |
| Bars - Light Shaped               | 2,220                                 | 5,258          | 2,365                                 | 5,103          |
| Bars - Cold Finished              | 16,151                                | 38,343         | 20,891                                | 54,098         |
| Stainless Pipe & Tubing           | 17,962                                | 66,686         | 19,132                                | 77,285         |
| Wire Drawn                        | 7,604                                 | 23,756         | 7,429                                 | 27,375         |
| Sheets Hot Rolled                 | 6,405                                 | 5,287          | 3,218                                 | 4,480          |
| Sheets Cold Rolled                | 53,426                                | 75,954         | 55,065                                | 95,450         |
| Strip - Hot Rolled                | 111                                   | 263            | 275                                   | 541            |
| Strip - Cold Rolled               | 7,376                                 | 22,776         | 7,000                                 | 24,523         |