

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Exhibit 2b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products

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

Commodity Grouping	September 2003 Cumulative To Date - Final		September 2002 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	546,330	1,095,974	656,195	1,143,822
Ingots And Steel For Castings	24,625	31,826	21,770	25,178
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	106,268	152,806	196,826	222,097
Wire Rods	24,367	39,845	37,725	60,540
Structural Shapes Heavy	1,244	3,895	1,838	4,865
Plates Cut Lengths	17,228	31,674	27,095	44,910
Plates In Coils	16,893	28,936	17,179	21,130
Bars - Hot Rolled	10,107	20,401	12,898	27,282
Bars - Light Shaped	6,425	13,889	7,994	17,027
Bars - Cold Finished	40,379	91,391	47,211	108,008
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	62,562	219,614	56,379	205,299
Wire Drawn	23,081	70,960	21,465	67,328
Sheets Hot Rolled	10,427	13,954	12,225	12,201
Sheets Cold Rolled	174,026	292,106	171,743	256,614
Strip - Hot Rolled	269	646	292	567
Strip - Cold Rolled	28,431	84,030	23,554	70,776

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html.