

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	October 2003 Cumulative To Date - Final		October 2002 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	611,869	1,234,929	721,140	1,269,025
Ingots And Steel For Castings	25,892	33,647	23,583	27,813
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	121,328	176,187	209,098	238,234
Wire Rods	26,159	42,822	41,398	66,609
Structural Shapes Heavy	1,475	4,522	2,078	5,500
Plates Cut Lengths	19,893	36,836	30,285	50,715
Plates In Coils	19,487	33,691	19,301	24,052
Bars - Hot Rolled	11,114	22,488	13,953	29,466
Bars - Light Shaped	7,539	16,211	9,321	19,656
Bars - Cold Finished	44,668	101,376	52,686	119,914
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	69,972	248,449	62,329	228,608
Wire Drawn	25,689	78,966	23,988	74,605
Sheets Hot Rolled	10,813	14,572	13,164	13,274
Sheets Cold Rolled	196,317	331,763	193,432	290,547
Strip - Hot Rolled	276	661	334	617
Strip - Cold Rolled	31,248	92,738	26,190	79,415

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.