

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	December 2003 Cumulative To Date - Final		December 2002 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	724,870	1,491,347	853,286	1,516,734
Ingots And Steel For Castings	26,152	34,049	26,632	31,985
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	139,874	207,515	238,080	273,862
Wire Rods	29,596	49,096	48,789	78,282
Structural Shapes Heavy	1,887	5,701	2,739	7,277
Plates Cut Lengths	23,435	44,197	36,568	60,854
Plates In Coils	25,478	44,838	23,614	30,377
Bars - Hot Rolled	13,188	27,160	17,154	35,515
Bars - Light Shaped	10,038	21,250	12,343	25,765
Bars - Cold Finished	51,091	117,166	64,113	144,825
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	86,368	309,023	75,589	274,422
Wire Drawn	31,122	95,998	30,031	92,116
Sheets Hot Rolled	11,630	15,946	14,642	15,012
Sheets Cold Rolled	237,366	408,026	231,466	350,566
Strip - Hot Rolled	370	831	346	659
Strip - Cold Rolled	37,275	110,551	31,180	95,219

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.