

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	January 2004 Cumulative To Date - Final		January 2003 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	52,628	121,063	58,853	116,202
Ingots And Steel For Castings	125	190	2,328	2,807
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	7,875	14,375	8,976	12,041
Wire Rods	1,515	2,803	3,638	5,777
Structural Shapes Heavy	180	516	141	352
Plates Cut Lengths	2,084	4,321	2,012	3,477
Plates In Coils	1,224	2,509	957	1,676
Bars - Hot Rolled	840	2,254	1,142	2,265
Bars - Light Shaped	918	1,822	940	2,077
Bars - Cold Finished	3,709	9,751	5,748	12,118
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	8,327	27,522	6,713	24,164
Wire Drawn	2,762	8,592	2,970	8,754
Sheets Hot Rolled	280	488	700	660
Sheets Cold Rolled	19,819	37,053	18,614	28,879
Strip - Hot Rolled	112	197	37	125
Strip - Cold Rolled	2,857	8,672	3,937	11,031

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.