

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	May 2004 Cumulative To Date - Final		May 2003 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	334,720	869,578	303,068	600,706
Ingots And Steel For Castings	934	1,753	13,844	18,114
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	62,075	128,356	54,886	77,039
Wire Rods	12,296	28,068	15,319	24,379
Structural Shapes Heavy	1,349	4,046	664	2,120
Plates Cut Lengths	12,285	28,013	10,097	17,656
Plates In Coils	15,534	41,483	7,160	12,075
Bars - Hot Rolled	8,595	24,653	5,651	11,253
Bars - Light Shaped	6,016	14,723	3,918	8,501
Bars - Cold Finished	22,810	62,041	24,455	54,365
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	43,137	168,046	32,865	117,667
Wire Drawn	15,688	55,253	13,480	40,375
Sheets Hot Rolled	2,663	5,170	2,395	3,664
Sheets Cold Rolled	115,978	257,634	101,279	163,759
Strip - Hot Rolled	452	1,003	149	355
Strip - Cold Rolled	14,909	49,335	16,908	49,383

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.