

**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 2004 Cumulative To Date - Final		September 2003 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
<b>Total Selected Commodities</b>	<b>648,974</b>	<b>1,747,844</b>	<b>546,330</b>	<b>1,095,974</b>
Ingots And Steel For Castings	4,172	7,978	24,625	31,826
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	117,414	251,989	106,268	152,806
Wire Rods	25,052	59,002	24,367	39,845
Structural Shapes Heavy	2,210	7,151	1,244	3,895
Plates Cut Lengths	23,406	57,100	17,228	31,674
Plates In Coils	25,546	69,693	16,893	28,936
Bars - Hot Rolled	15,042	44,343	10,107	20,401
Bars - Light Shaped	10,268	27,048	6,425	13,889
Bars - Cold Finished	43,789	129,422	40,379	91,391
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	82,302	345,429	62,562	219,614
Wire Drawn	27,859	103,061	23,081	70,960
Sheets Hot Rolled	7,081	14,486	10,427	13,954
Sheets Cold Rolled	236,357	535,751	174,026	292,106
Strip - Hot Rolled	1,199	2,930	269	646
Strip - Cold Rolled	27,277	92,461	28,431	84,030

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](http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html).