

**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	August 2006 Cumulative To Date - Final		August 2005 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
<b>Total Selected Commodities</b>	<b>678,940</b>	<b>2,297,152</b>	<b>613,806</b>	<b>2,099,414</b>
Ingots And Steel For Castings	13,350	33,293	11,173	27,233
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	76,906	226,646	96,563	272,593
Wire Rods	16,486	44,750	27,355	75,886
Structural Shapes Heavy	1,459	5,215	1,166	4,877
Plates Cut Lengths	35,870	138,548	26,590	106,182
Plates In Coils	25,498	72,218	24,190	75,541
Bars - Hot Rolled	14,099	66,721	15,252	60,476
Bars - Light Shaped	6,591	20,028	4,730	15,228
Bars - Cold Finished	56,568	220,086	65,556	251,456
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	88,878	509,020	82,727	436,425
Wire Drawn	29,146	129,986	27,446	120,326
Sheets Hot Rolled	16,144	23,650	7,841	14,967
Sheets Cold Rolled	269,674	696,091	195,516	526,979
Strip - Hot Rolled	2,083	5,784	1,299	3,606
Strip - Cold Rolled	26,188	105,117	26,404	107,642

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).