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Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products June 2010

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary June steel imports were **\$1.9 billion (1.8 million** metric tons) compared to the preliminary May totals of \$2.1 billion (2.0 million metric tons).

The June change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected decreases primarily in plates in coils and blooms, billets, and slabs. Monthly decreases occurred primarily with India.

The year to date final statistics through May 2010 showed steel imports of 8.8 million metric tons compared to 7.0 million metric tons through May 2009. The largest commodity increase was blooms, billets, and slabs and the largest commodity decrease was in oil country goods. The largest country increase was with Canada and the largest country decrease was with China.

Notes:

The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.

Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details visit the Foreign Trade Division web site at: www.census.gov/trade. On the web site you can access product by country and country by product tables.

The next release is August 24, 2010.