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## **Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products July 2010**

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary July steel imports were **\$2.3 billion (2.2 million metric tons)** compared to the preliminary June totals of \$1.9 billion (1.8 million metric tons).

The July change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs; and oil country goods. Monthly increases occurred primarily with Russia and decreases occurred primarily with Brazil.

The year to date final statistics through June 2010 showed steel imports of 10.6 million metric tons compared to 7.8 million metric tons through June 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](http://www.census.gov/trade). On the web site you can access product by country and country by product tables.*

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