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

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary August steel imports were **\$2.1 billion (2.0 million metric tons)** compared to the preliminary July totals of \$2.3 billion (2.2 million metric tons).

The August change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected decreases primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs; and hot rolled sheets. Monthly decreases occurred primarily with Russia.

The year to date final statistics through July 2010 showed steel imports of 12.8 million metric tons compared to 8.7 million metric tons through July 2009. The largest commodity increase was blooms, billets, and slabs; wire rods; and hot rolled sheets. 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 October 26, 2010.