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

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary October steel imports were **\$1.8 billion (1.6 million metric tons)** compared to the preliminary September totals of \$1.9 billion (1.9 million metric tons).

The October change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected decreases primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Decreases occurred primarily with Canada, Germany, and Russia. Increases occurred primarily with Mexico.

The year to date final statistics through September 2010 showed steel imports of 16.7 million metric tons compared to 10.7 million metric tons through September 2009. The largest commodity increase was blooms, billets, and slabs. The largest country increase was with Canada.

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 December 29, 2010.