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Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products February 2012

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary February steel imports were **\$2.8 billion (2.4 million** metric tons). This was an increase of \$0.1 billion (0.1 million metric tons) from the preliminary January totals of \$2.7 billion (2.3 million metric tons).

The February change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected an increase primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Increases occurred primarily with Brazil and India.

The year to date final statistics through January 2012 showed steel imports of 2.6 million metric tons compared with 1.9 million metric tons through January 2011. The largest commodity increase occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. The largest country increase occurred primarily with Russia; the largest country decrease occurred primarily with Mexico.

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 April 24, 2012.