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Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products December 2008

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary December steel imports were **\$2.7 billion (1.8 million metric tons)** compared to the preliminary November totals of \$3.1 billion (2.0 million metric tons).

The December change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected decreases primarily in oil country goods and plates cut lengths. An increase occurred primarily with blooms, billets, and slabs. Monthly changes in steel imports reflected decreases primarily with Korea and China. An increase occurred primarily with Brazil.

The year to date final statistics through November 2008 showed steel imports of 27.1 million metric tons compared to 28.3 million metric tons through November 2007. The largest commodity decreases were in reinforcing bars; blooms, billets, and slabs; wire rods; cold rolled sheets; standard pipe; and galvanized hot dipped sheets and strip. The largest commodity increase was in oil country goods. The largest country decrease was with Brazil. The largest country increases were with Canada and India.

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 February 24, 2009.

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Exhibit 1. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Commodity Grouping	2008						2007			
	December Preliminary		November Preliminary		November Final		December Final		November Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	1,802,224	2,673,059	2,033,034	3,111,851	2,183,803	3,361,163	1,817,589	1,888,194	2,106,869	2,171,755
Ingot's And Steel For Castings	2,241	7,384	3,099	10,699	3,108	10,734	2,220	6,822	3,005	6,650
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	193,771	163,331	162,554	183,508	165,537	188,772	356,398	232,730	323,445	217,226
Wire Rods	94,122	91,355	95,731	99,021	98,774	102,677	65,605	46,093	66,033	48,774
Structural Shapes Heavy	24,279	26,037	25,179	31,234	25,533	31,681	44,407	36,453	53,811	43,521
Steel Piling	8,613	15,937	6,611	11,919	6,611	11,919	6,488	7,710	3,484	3,952
Plates Cut Lengths	74,266	125,334	122,378	206,389	122,811	207,309	110,143	129,559	81,745	114,537
Plates In Coils	48,683	37,873	67,365	75,877	144,713	197,616	68,402	43,035	70,721	45,565
Rails Standard	2,665	14,082	18,322	19,103	18,541	19,371	7,120	6,119	13,251	9,688
Rails All Other	13,275	12,502	976	1,221	1,264	1,709	16,023	10,799	17,443	10,792
Railroad Accessories	1,776	1,373	1,320	1,381	1,320	1,381	756	773	774	904
Bars - Hot Rolled	71,211	86,551	99,241	130,397	111,351	144,837	84,554	89,255	92,536	90,012
Bars - Light Shaped	7,608	8,146	5,032	8,123	5,032	8,123	11,681	10,811	20,873	17,339
Bars - Reinforcing	12,448	9,701	19,982	14,440	22,781	15,876	49,804	34,824	60,889	40,266
Bars - Cold Finished	18,748	55,779	18,528	62,021	18,725	62,680	20,968	62,290	28,184	61,864
Tool Steel	10,023	34,033	9,918	33,887	10,420	34,589	13,926	38,675	17,018	43,059
Standard Pipe	89,983	127,301	87,576	125,198	89,537	128,508	66,900	67,251	68,632	64,628
Oil Country Goods	424,478	825,545	508,132	905,145	518,342	932,827	94,046	126,195	175,170	208,044
Line Pipe > 16 Inches In Diameter	71,355	108,462	78,875	116,625	108,879	167,061	153,922	204,522	199,181	270,198
Line Pipe <= 16 Inches In Diameter	67,732	115,233	76,245	117,523	77,261	119,024	18,728	24,075	38,981	43,724
Line Pipe - Not Specified	41,844	58,189	46,625	63,692	46,625	63,692	25,300	18,151	40,103	27,525
Mechanical Tubing	47,215	96,812	50,212	97,060	50,455	97,549	34,811	53,456	52,729	71,182
Pressure Tubing	9,464	26,448	12,204	34,985	12,377	35,499	8,719	26,269	8,363	21,260
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	9,486	83,558	10,167	90,030	10,841	97,933	9,495	71,188	11,026	92,428
Pipe & Tubing Nonclassified	1,214	5,559	1,290	5,717	1,290	5,717	1,158	3,277	2,212	5,634
Structural Pipe & Tube	19,554	27,810	25,169	35,847	25,174	35,872	29,595	30,064	39,737	37,422
Pipe For Piling	1,567	1,848	2,119	3,188	2,119	3,188	1,565	1,392	1,602	1,166
Wire Drawn	34,560	62,564	36,846	72,364	36,997	72,684	51,839	69,620	54,185	74,682
Black Plate	772	728	1,611	1,499	1,611	1,499	1,810	1,276	455	364
Tin Plate	21,876	23,660	25,516	25,503	29,002	28,548	34,044	26,447	33,965	27,715
Tin Free Steel	7,224	8,130	6,373	7,450	6,373	7,450	6,377	5,929	10,065	9,183
Sheets Hot Rolled	137,914	102,187	139,659	131,423	140,321	132,390	177,445	106,254	239,639	142,953
Sheets Cold Rolled	69,769	95,476	84,605	131,082	85,336	132,351	99,455	136,349	106,097	132,215
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	112,248	123,854	108,790	126,474	108,879	126,571	85,993	77,223	101,446	88,305
Sheets & Strip Galv Electrolyt	10,646	14,505	15,291	21,320	15,367	21,442	9,870	9,267	14,470	14,554
Sheets & Strip All Oth Met Coat	18,375	25,427	36,557	52,258	36,656	52,404	20,873	20,975	26,229	25,238
Sheets & Strip - Electrical	8,823	18,426	9,973	20,970	10,174	21,181	6,502	12,951	9,869	19,850
Strip - Hot Rolled	2,419	3,349	2,011	2,897	2,069	2,953	4,196	3,468	5,697	4,703
Strip - Cold Rolled	9,977	28,569	10,951	34,383	11,599	35,544	16,453	36,646	13,803	34,635

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html.

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Exhibit 1a. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Alloy Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Commodity Grouping	2008						2007			
	December Preliminary		November Preliminary		November Final		December Final		November Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	292,558	584,439	358,263	657,935	379,672	693,846	348,710	472,462	392,040	527,210
Ingots And Steel For Castings	1,095	3,643	832	2,827	832	2,827	16	43	1,084	1,712
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	4,286	11,535	16,899	23,658	17,061	23,940	84,205	67,424	47,140	41,135
Structural Shapes Heavy	3,906	3,702	7,094	7,207	7,375	7,601	3,637	3,375	11,017	10,276
Plates Cut Lengths	27,914	60,515	33,062	69,041	33,073	69,075	23,719	41,265	34,642	50,536
Plates In Coils	6,209	6,773	14,884	18,565	14,884	18,565	6,893	4,653	13,910	9,696
Rails Standard	302	311	1,479	1,191	1,511	1,240	2,332	2,243	1,271	1,123
Bars - Hot Rolled	45,964	56,647	70,124	92,453	81,973	106,469	45,207	46,320	47,048	47,507
Bars - Light Shaped	440	438	255	353	255	353	247	273	542	392
Bars - Cold Finished	6,801	16,276	5,801	15,610	5,949	15,856	6,501	14,004	8,108	14,836
Tool Steel	10,023	34,033	9,918	33,887	10,420	34,589	13,926	38,675	17,018	43,059
Standard Pipe	2,793	9,308	1,888	7,588	2,902	9,434	2,920	7,970	930	2,253
Oil Country Goods	95,599	219,670	94,042	205,262	100,959	222,432	31,563	49,888	43,548	67,766
Line Pipe > 16 Inches In Diameter	4,918	5,405	12,651	20,905	12,651	20,905	51,459	75,015	74,496	105,246
Line Pipe <= 16 Inches In Diameter	1,123	1,851	651	1,237	691	1,321	2,738	6,441	75	353
Line Pipe - Not Specified	1,637	3,736	(-)	(-)	1	3	21	31	5	4
Mechanical Tubing	18,927	47,984	13,955	35,177	14,005	35,283	9,376	22,956	10,617	22,179
Pressure Tubing	2,004	8,851	2,781	13,914	2,836	14,081	2,626	14,603	2,994	10,652
Pipe & Tubing Nonclassified	515	3,469	612	2,864	612	2,864	296	1,192	460	2,734
Structural Pipe & Tube	1,111	2,813	2,035	4,799	2,035	4,799	1,860	5,001	2,546	5,808
Pipe For Piling	(-)	(-)	8	8	8	8	26	25	8	8
Wire Drawn	5,005	11,134	5,135	11,427	5,153	11,531	7,284	10,645	7,948	12,257
Sheets Hot Rolled	11,882	15,359	18,962	23,907	18,967	23,913	11,284	10,322	15,095	15,404
Sheets Cold Rolled	10,078	14,837	16,712	20,352	16,792	20,596	11,442	11,229	21,722	18,101
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	13,490	13,330	12,287	11,538	12,306	11,556	13,055	12,395	13,477	12,964
Sheets & Strip Galv Electrolyt	3,649	5,171	3,614	5,697	3,614	5,697	4,021	4,025	3,045	3,797
Sheets & Strip - Electrical	8,823	18,426	9,973	20,970	10,174	21,181	6,502	12,951	9,869	19,850
Strip - Hot Rolled	418	948	287	955	287	955	118	124	239	192
Strip - Cold Rolled	3,648	8,276	2,322	6,541	2,345	6,775	5,437	9,375	3,187	7,372

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html.

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Exhibit 1b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Commodity Grouping	2008						2007			
	December Preliminary		November Preliminary		November Final		December Final		November Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	59,522	289,315	73,141	342,230	73,709	351,118	73,415	351,236	73,794	361,297
Ingots And Steel For Castings	1,143	3,737	2,267	7,871	2,276	7,907	1,542	6,307	1,373	4,590
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	7,691	30,976	7,317	28,607	7,355	28,889	7,924	35,346	9,908	44,894
Wire Rods	822	2,922	2,110	7,064	2,110	7,064	1,631	7,410	1,610	6,797
Structural Shapes Heavy	74	368	138	596	138	596	66	484	118	757
Plates Cut Lengths	3,016	14,599	4,403	20,685	4,528	21,094	5,292	30,616	6,570	32,700
Plates In Coils	816	2,715	1,283	5,935	1,347	6,071	721	3,370	762	3,427
Bars - Hot Rolled	1,430	7,932	1,855	11,922	1,870	11,959	2,640	15,596	2,007	9,780
Bars - Light Shaped	318	1,387	750	3,644	750	3,644	495	2,517	674	3,338
Bars - Cold Finished	5,637	30,671	6,282	36,548	6,330	36,960	6,673	38,700	6,158	31,639
Oil Country Goods	10,781	44,369	11,502	32,711	11,502	32,711	3,245	16,053	3,268	15,146
Line Pipe > 16 Inches In Diameter	(-)	(-)	11	119	11	119	60	150	(-)	(-)
Line Pipe <= 16 Inches In Diameter	240	612	699	1,225	14	113	1,194	1,669	767	2,399
Line Pipe - Not Specified	4	41	1	3	(-)	(-)	49	154	(-)	(-)
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	9,486	83,558	10,167	90,030	10,841	97,933	9,495	71,188	11,026	92,428
Wire Drawn	2,217	12,959	3,047	17,978	3,052	18,023	2,942	17,924	3,137	19,108
Sheets Hot Rolled	1,763	3,582	2,204	4,195	2,230	4,281	2,059	3,591	1,838	5,163
Sheets Cold Rolled	11,773	36,681	16,116	55,871	16,366	56,529	24,426	84,666	21,608	72,986
Strip - Hot Rolled	7	30	22	117	22	117	82	440	172	850
Strip - Cold Rolled	2,305	12,176	2,967	17,108	2,967	17,108	2,879	15,057	2,798	15,294

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html.

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Exhibit 1c. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Carbon (Non-Alloy) Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Commodity Grouping	2008						2007			
	December Preliminary		November Preliminary		November Final		December Final		November Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	1,450,144	1,799,305	1,601,630	2,111,687	1,730,423	2,316,200	1,395,463	1,064,496	1,641,035	1,283,249
Ingots And Steel For Castings	3	4	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	661	472	548	348
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	181,795	120,820	138,338	131,243	141,121	135,943	264,269	129,960	266,397	131,197
Wire Rods	93,300	88,433	93,621	91,957	96,664	95,613	63,974	38,683	64,423	41,977
Structural Shapes Heavy	20,299	21,967	17,947	23,431	18,020	23,483	40,704	32,594	42,677	32,488
Steel Piling	8,613	15,937	6,611	11,919	6,611	11,919	6,488	7,710	3,484	3,952
Plates Cut Lengths	43,336	50,220	84,913	116,664	85,210	117,140	81,132	57,679	40,533	31,301
Plates In Coils	41,658	28,385	51,198	51,377	128,482	172,980	60,788	35,012	56,050	32,442
Rails Standard	2,363	13,772	16,843	17,912	17,029	18,131	4,788	3,877	11,980	8,565
Rails All Other	13,275	12,502	976	1,221	1,264	1,709	16,023	10,799	17,443	10,792
Railroad Accessories	1,776	1,373	1,320	1,381	1,320	1,381	756	773	774	904
Bars - Hot Rolled	23,817	21,971	27,261	26,022	27,508	26,410	36,706	27,339	43,481	32,725
Bars - Light Shaped	6,850	6,322	4,026	4,127	4,026	4,127	10,939	8,022	19,657	13,609
Bars - Reinforcing	12,448	9,701	19,982	14,440	22,781	15,876	49,804	34,824	60,889	40,266
Bars - Cold Finished	6,309	8,833	6,446	9,863	6,446	9,863	7,793	9,585	13,919	15,389
Standard Pipe	87,190	117,993	85,688	117,610	86,636	119,075	63,980	59,282	67,703	62,375
Oil Country Goods	318,098	561,506	402,587	667,173	405,881	677,685	59,238	60,254	128,354	125,132
Line Pipe > 16 Inches In Diameter	66,436	103,057	66,214	95,600	96,217	146,036	102,403	129,358	124,685	164,952
Line Pipe <= 16 Inches In Diameter	66,369	112,770	74,895	115,061	76,556	117,591	14,796	15,966	38,139	40,972
Line Pipe - Not Specified	40,202	54,412	46,624	63,689	46,624	63,689	25,230	17,967	40,098	27,521
Mechanical Tubing	28,288	48,829	36,257	61,883	36,450	62,266	25,435	30,500	42,112	49,003
Pressure Tubing	7,460	17,597	9,424	21,070	9,541	21,418	6,093	11,666	5,369	10,608
Pipe & Tubing Nonclassified	700	2,090	678	2,853	678	2,853	862	2,086	1,752	2,900
Structural Pipe & Tube	18,443	24,998	23,135	31,048	23,139	31,073	27,735	25,063	37,190	31,614
Pipe For Piling	1,567	1,848	2,111	3,181	2,111	3,181	1,539	1,367	1,594	1,159
Wire Drawn	27,338	38,470	28,664	42,958	28,791	43,131	41,613	41,051	43,100	43,317
Black Plate	772	728	1,611	1,499	1,611	1,499	1,810	1,276	455	364
Tin Plate	21,876	23,660	25,516	25,503	29,002	28,548	34,044	26,447	33,965	27,715
Tin Free Steel	7,224	8,130	6,373	7,450	6,373	7,450	6,377	5,929	10,065	9,183
Sheets Hot Rolled	124,269	83,245	118,494	103,321	119,124	104,197	164,102	92,341	222,706	122,385
Sheets Cold Rolled	47,918	43,958	51,777	54,859	52,178	55,226	63,587	40,455	62,767	41,128
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	98,758	110,524	96,503	114,936	96,572	115,015	72,938	64,828	87,969	75,341
Sheets & Strip Galv Electrolyt	6,997	9,334	11,676	15,623	11,753	15,745	5,850	5,242	11,425	10,756
Sheets & Strip All Oth Met Coat	18,375	25,427	36,557	52,258	36,656	52,404	20,873	20,975	26,229	25,238
Strip - Hot Rolled	1,994	2,371	1,702	1,826	1,760	1,882	3,996	2,904	5,286	3,660
Strip - Cold Rolled	4,024	8,117	5,662	10,734	6,286	11,662	8,136	12,214	7,818	11,969

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Exhibit 2. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Commodity Grouping	November 2008 Cumulative To Date - Final		November 2007 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	27,088,964	33,816,792	28,340,473	27,080,006
Ingots And Steel For Castings	23,037	83,335	30,559	88,411
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	5,197,596	4,521,926	5,649,182	3,350,076
Wire Rods	1,021,045	968,838	1,329,871	837,478
Structural Shapes Heavy	618,321	627,397	726,914	573,200
Steel Piling	86,617	126,831	93,322	100,088
Plates Cut Lengths	1,047,893	1,705,738	1,179,656	1,539,036
Plates In Coils	1,051,775	1,131,471	870,835	745,988
Rails Standard	202,154	177,493	258,871	186,701
Rails All Other	59,873	47,642	74,711	51,241
Railroad Accessories	9,302	9,599	13,398	12,232
Bars - Hot Rolled	1,272,600	1,536,242	1,115,603	1,075,019
Bars - Light Shaped	143,743	170,192	205,332	160,152
Bars - Reinforcing	868,212	689,466	1,638,351	891,343
Bars - Cold Finished	263,882	778,404	292,437	750,306
Tool Steel	136,812	429,047	131,509	358,279
Standard Pipe	978,317	1,182,090	1,219,361	983,221
Oil Country Goods	3,176,583	4,838,298	1,669,513	2,118,744
Line Pipe > 16 Inches In Diameter	1,685,125	2,358,450	1,649,173	2,142,280
Line Pipe <= 16 Inches In Diameter	608,370	831,239	425,918	460,788
Line Pipe - Not Specified	424,735	444,570	440,532	322,618
Mechanical Tubing	499,882	861,471	607,973	766,572
Pressure Tubing	119,333	336,428	101,235	243,200
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	117,665	1,017,906	147,581	1,110,659
Pipe & Tubing Nonclassified	14,412	57,638	19,704	52,599
Structural Pipe & Tube	422,693	544,906	584,122	520,807
Pipe For Piling	15,735	16,485	35,709	26,092
Wire Drawn	608,627	1,015,167	679,859	917,762
Black Plate	20,439	16,229	42,236	29,358
Tin Plate	269,064	246,898	436,918	341,968
Tin Free Steel	88,977	89,349	104,770	90,482
Sheets Hot Rolled	2,373,723	1,964,281	2,257,927	1,353,281
Sheets Cold Rolled	1,235,457	2,081,710	1,534,534	2,109,638
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	1,540,466	1,552,013	1,738,020	1,461,320
Sheets & Strip Galv Electrolyt	159,413	194,024	171,031	165,377
Sheets & Strip All Oth Met Coat	437,223	530,624	528,132	500,453
Sheets & Strip - Electrical	100,585	180,112	93,826	169,664
Strip - Hot Rolled	41,772	46,547	78,054	63,807
Strip - Cold Rolled	147,507	406,733	163,793	409,764

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Exhibit 2a. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Alloy Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Commodity Grouping	November 2008 Cumulative To Date - Final		November 2007 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	4,172,982	6,665,819	4,001,466	5,209,629
Ingots And Steel For Castings	3,865	8,884	12,908	19,945
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	374,404	462,222	541,347	416,072
Structural Shapes Heavy	72,790	76,085	73,244	62,289
Plates Cut Lengths	373,259	749,395	348,943	542,330
Plates In Coils	139,528	135,415	110,387	76,511
Rails Standard	22,493	18,671	34,768	25,705
Bars - Hot Rolled	806,577	924,987	582,671	560,511
Bars - Light Shaped	6,534	6,890	6,461	5,706
Bars - Cold Finished	78,588	168,992	85,131	160,773
Tool Steel	136,812	429,047	131,509	358,279
Standard Pipe	20,258	64,423	17,015	47,062
Oil Country Goods	709,491	1,342,047	472,710	772,733
Line Pipe > 16 Inches In Diameter	440,543	678,830	518,199	721,929
Line Pipe <= 16 Inches In Diameter	15,965	31,707	7,068	13,749
Line Pipe - Not Specified	404	725	3,190	2,813
Mechanical Tubing	138,196	326,971	123,681	255,425
Pressure Tubing	32,040	152,689	28,387	111,578
Pipe & Tubing Nonclassified	5,359	25,702	4,111	22,334
Structural Pipe & Tube	35,543	73,667	32,483	65,820
Pipe For Piling	612	637	1,799	1,645
Wire Drawn	79,950	147,156	81,644	123,337
Sheets Hot Rolled	150,136	161,156	218,638	189,674
Sheets Cold Rolled	138,023	154,622	210,314	194,237
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	198,889	186,596	153,396	132,997
Sheets & Strip Galv Electrolyt	57,168	75,435	67,397	72,928
Sheets & Strip - Electrical	100,585	180,112	93,826	169,664
Strip - Hot Rolled	4,156	8,977	3,760	2,821
Strip - Cold Rolled	30,814	73,780	36,479	80,759

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html.

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Exhibit 2b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Commodity Grouping	November 2008 Cumulative To Date - Final		November 2007 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	931,423	4,660,054	1,029,833	5,187,564
Ingots And Steel For Castings	18,967	74,303	15,929	67,420
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	96,197	436,412	103,756	519,059
Wire Rods	22,622	99,075	23,868	116,251
Structural Shapes Heavy	2,303	12,285	2,656	16,027
Plates Cut Lengths	57,158	283,582	80,987	466,584
Plates In Coils	23,680	115,002	44,246	250,357
Bars - Hot Rolled	30,228	177,105	26,471	144,921
Bars - Light Shaped	8,231	42,031	5,079	26,684
Bars - Cold Finished	76,088	452,460	77,817	441,339
Oil Country Goods	53,327	190,745	63,934	197,676
Line Pipe > 16 Inches In Diameter	122	793	63	284
Line Pipe <= 16 Inches In Diameter	2,898	17,670	24,398	29,411
Line Pipe - Not Specified	253	1,885	20,577	21,104
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	117,665	1,017,906	147,581	1,110,659
Wire Drawn	36,706	231,788	39,260	254,721
Sheets Hot Rolled	29,067	61,453	18,062	43,477
Sheets Cold Rolled	315,390	1,235,670	297,648	1,275,625
Strip - Hot Rolled	1,597	7,833	2,738	11,482
Strip - Cold Rolled	38,925	202,057	34,762	194,485

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html.

Exhibit 2c. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Carbon (Non-Alloy) Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Commodity Grouping	November 2008 Cumulative To Date - Final		November 2007 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	21,984,558	22,490,919	23,309,175	16,682,813
Ingots And Steel For Castings	205	148	1,722	1,046
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	4,726,995	3,623,292	5,004,079	2,414,946
Wire Rods	998,423	869,763	1,306,003	721,227
Structural Shapes Heavy	543,228	539,028	651,014	494,885
Steel Piling	86,617	126,831	93,322	100,088
Plates Cut Lengths	617,477	672,762	749,726	530,122
Plates In Coils	888,568	881,053	716,203	419,120
Rails Standard	179,661	158,823	224,102	160,996
Rails All Other	59,873	47,642	74,711	51,241
Railroad Accessories	9,302	9,599	13,398	12,232
Bars - Hot Rolled	435,795	434,151	506,461	369,587
Bars - Light Shaped	128,979	121,272	193,793	127,761
Bars - Reinforcing	868,212	689,466	1,638,351	891,343
Bars - Cold Finished	109,206	156,952	129,489	148,195
Standard Pipe	958,059	1,117,667	1,202,346	936,159
Oil Country Goods	2,413,764	3,305,506	1,132,868	1,148,335
Line Pipe > 16 Inches In Diameter	1,244,461	1,678,827	1,130,912	1,420,066
Line Pipe <= 16 Inches In Diameter	589,507	781,862	394,452	417,628
Line Pipe - Not Specified	424,077	441,961	416,765	298,700
Mechanical Tubing	361,685	534,500	484,293	511,147
Pressure Tubing	87,293	183,740	72,848	131,623
Pipe & Tubing Nonclassified	9,053	31,935	15,593	30,264
Structural Pipe & Tube	387,150	471,239	551,639	454,987
Pipe For Piling	15,124	15,848	33,911	24,447
Wire Drawn	491,971	636,224	558,954	539,705
Black Plate	20,439	16,229	42,236	29,358
Tin Plate	269,064	246,898	436,918	341,968
Tin Free Steel	88,977	89,349	104,770	90,482
Sheets Hot Rolled	2,194,520	1,741,672	2,021,227	1,120,130
Sheets Cold Rolled	782,045	691,418	1,026,572	639,776
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	1,341,577	1,365,417	1,584,624	1,328,323
Sheets & Strip Galv Electrolyt	102,245	118,589	103,634	92,448
Sheets & Strip All Oth Met Coat	437,223	530,624	528,132	500,453
Strip - Hot Rolled	36,018	29,738	71,555	49,504
Strip - Cold Rolled	77,769	130,896	92,553	134,519

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Exhibit 3. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Steel Products From Selected Countries and Areas

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. (-) Represents zero or less than one half of measurement shown. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Countries and Areas	2008						2007			
	December Preliminary		November Preliminary		November Final		December Final		November Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Census Basis	1,802,224	2,673,059	2,033,034	3,111,851	2,183,803	3,361,163	1,817,589	1,888,194	2,106,869	2,171,755
North America	354,765	412,831	420,214	528,689	421,611	529,900	790,011	648,889	719,938	625,107
Canada	243,430	271,832	300,712	379,637	301,766	380,541	531,921	430,253	548,504	462,631
Mexico	111,335	140,999	119,502	149,053	119,844	149,359	258,090	218,637	171,434	162,476
Europe	469,730	791,106	528,139	913,253	637,125	1,095,543	412,108	585,526	579,929	704,162
European Union	238,763	561,685	316,573	643,376	344,521	700,372	354,619	549,607	415,945	596,489
Austria	16,813	45,303	14,436	39,741	14,781	40,319	11,370	24,732	18,521	35,669
Belgium	8,581	15,489	11,076	17,923	11,076	17,923	9,577	25,211	7,068	16,905
Czech Republic	15,871	32,647	11,501	20,163	11,650	24,403	10,647	11,387	3,018	4,727
Finland	3,176	7,000	1,012	4,609	1,023	4,624	1,511	4,493	1,523	4,605
France	15,578	43,828	22,109	59,319	24,052	64,465	21,753	46,508	33,184	61,789
Germany	75,595	160,595	62,832	140,216	66,309	147,192	97,703	134,454	78,933	126,379
Hungary	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Italy	19,647	69,587	16,972	54,465	18,021	56,546	54,411	87,051	70,250	74,700
Netherlands	10,655	11,547	53,156	50,864	56,714	53,963	28,361	19,259	70,467	46,679
Poland	893	2,443	625	1,687	1,005	2,215	4,554	4,299	709	1,176
Spain	11,801	40,537	18,551	51,663	22,882	62,283	3,567	9,591	8,936	24,487
Sweden	20,720	55,128	30,051	74,259	30,098	74,589	23,152	54,911	25,722	64,375
United Kingdom	18,745	35,262	27,196	47,282	27,341	47,501	39,858	70,370	50,613	84,523
Other EU	20,686	42,319	47,055	81,184	59,568	104,350	48,153	57,342	47,001	50,476
Moldova	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Norway	(-)	7	2	25	2	25	3	303	1,815	2,028
Russia	99,716	93,604	100,130	119,353	101,369	122,042	1,851	5,876	56,274	40,808
Switzerland	492	1,997	1,705	4,841	1,744	4,915	1,069	3,609	1,995	4,366
Turkey	65,493	69,023	61,821	62,335	141,580	184,866	322	383	27,492	18,384
Ukraine	64,502	63,673	47,799	83,167	47,799	83,167	53,568	25,075	75,951	41,639
Other Europe	765	1,117	110	156	110	156	677	673	457	448
Euro Area	174,838	418,983	226,365	466,123	253,189	517,239	266,323	397,836	324,219	428,237
Pacific Rim Countries	717,291	1,105,684	916,686	1,389,385	936,760	1,418,650	432,051	477,345	645,813	630,672
Australia	40,623	29,189	1,060	1,357	1,060	1,357	39,883	22,091	48,737	26,467
China	432,494	677,538	530,737	821,077	546,710	844,493	165,510	189,856	297,508	303,082
Indonesia	173	544	436	837	436	837	46	255	958	1,072
Japan	98,628	200,525	131,551	212,920	134,515	216,822	80,030	112,713	96,965	125,859
Newly Industrialized Countries(NICS)	135,781	183,029	249,836	345,875	250,936	347,598	99,675	123,853	187,899	165,329
Hong Kong	11	16	59	92	59	92	39	249	21	17
Korea	100,838	123,915	209,827	267,724	210,280	268,262	58,554	60,681	159,735	124,290
Singapore	80	308	21	96	21	96	27	167	79	411
Taiwan	34,852	58,790	39,929	77,962	40,576	79,147	41,054	62,757	28,063	40,612
Other Pacific Rim	9,592	14,858	3,066	7,319	3,103	7,544	46,906	28,577	13,746	8,861
South/Central America	129,472	155,232	54,828	111,804	59,619	122,924	92,926	68,877	87,105	96,390
Argentina	16,644	42,263	13,436	32,459	14,572	36,576	1,994	5,129	16,325	30,833
Brazil	101,160	89,732	30,453	55,528	34,085	62,496	79,770	53,999	41,519	36,432
Chile	171	299	52	96	52	96	184	185	225	293
Colombia	8,319	19,631	7,909	20,089	7,909	20,089	2,625	3,538	11,392	14,942
Venezuela	586	888	563	744	563	744	632	806	9,681	8,283
Other S/C America	2,592	2,419	2,416	2,888	2,438	2,922	7,721	5,220	7,963	5,607
Other Countries	130,967	208,206	113,167	168,720	128,689	194,146	90,493	107,556	74,084	115,424
Egypt	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
India	98,224	161,586	68,248	102,929	83,522	127,685	49,414	72,835	62,266	101,989
South Africa	9,679	14,182	4,858	8,708	4,923	8,849	7,562	7,867	9,911	10,351
Thailand	11,718	15,701	29,100	42,891	29,100	42,891	31,350	24,768	522	1,852
Other	11,346	16,737	10,961	14,192	11,145	14,721	2,167	2,086	1,385	1,232

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Exhibit 3a. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Alloy Steel Products From Selected Countries and Areas

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Countries and Areas	2008						2007			
	December Preliminary		November Preliminary		November Final		December Final		November Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Census Basis	292,558	584,439	358,263	657,935	379,672	693,846	348,710	472,462	392,040	527,210
North America	65,913	108,985	85,500	135,522	85,653	135,717	180,296	188,192	156,071	175,219
Canada	53,177	77,612	78,905	123,067	79,057	123,259	95,769	121,085	108,398	135,293
Mexico	12,736	31,374	6,595	12,455	6,596	12,458	84,527	67,108	47,673	39,926
Europe	99,169	225,689	110,546	238,278	116,146	251,256	98,674	177,347	142,074	228,933
European Union	93,493	211,896	99,521	208,629	103,882	218,919	96,155	169,338	132,293	208,366
Austria	5,784	12,827	6,553	15,259	6,676	15,430	3,294	9,848	9,235	19,426
Belgium	296	918	131	446	131	446	1,387	5,258	1,243	4,056
Czech Republic	6,624	9,978	1,097	1,374	1,097	1,374	2,156	2,865	1,978	2,868
Finland	2,850	5,609	308	1,038	308	1,038	1,137	2,664	1,017	2,085
France	7,510	25,143	10,233	27,780	12,176	32,926	8,750	16,103	9,909	20,763
Germany	30,096	69,066	22,604	56,477	22,604	56,477	35,772	63,332	37,875	65,647
Hungary	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Italy	7,101	23,276	2,973	10,448	3,987	12,294	5,492	14,588	5,791	10,746
Netherlands	3,597	3,887	13,272	14,349	13,272	14,349	5,800	3,899	16,236	10,978
Poland	353	1,201	123	563	123	563	450	930	19	77
Spain	4,084	10,930	7,422	18,587	8,541	21,470	1,889	2,121	4,476	6,687
Sweden	16,008	31,125	22,082	39,545	22,082	39,557	18,224	27,270	20,687	30,829
United Kingdom	7,583	12,791	10,428	16,814	10,558	16,997	9,456	15,232	21,326	30,052
Other EU	1,606	5,145	2,295	5,948	2,328	5,997	2,349	5,228	2,500	4,151
Moldova	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Norway	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Russia	4,737	10,887	4,781	13,969	6,020	16,658	1,782	5,777	5,683	13,012
Switzerland	29	139	81	240	81	240	139	549	180	602
Turkey	50	77	409	806	409	806	76	99	1,328	1,787
Ukraine	860	2,690	5,754	14,633	5,754	14,633	522	1,585	2,591	5,166
Other Europe	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Euro Area	61,857	153,549	63,962	145,936	68,192	156,031	64,463	120,921	87,708	143,522
Pacific Rim Countries	106,561	198,020	143,034	237,092	156,783	253,725	59,953	89,992	85,624	106,170
Australia	1	3	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	30	95	1,206	951
China	62,452	114,857	89,252	146,813	100,335	160,024	22,592	35,413	40,183	51,218
Indonesia	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Japan	41,442	77,138	45,047	73,824	47,273	76,784	32,422	45,850	31,309	39,559
Newly Industrialized Countries(NICS)	2,667	6,023	8,665	16,329	9,104	16,792	4,908	8,634	12,915	14,361
Hong Kong	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Korea	1,351	2,853	6,602	10,763	6,785	10,934	3,590	4,998	11,529	10,250
Singapore	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	1	2
Taiwan	1,316	3,170	2,063	5,566	2,320	5,858	1,318	3,636	1,385	4,108
Other Pacific Rim	(-)	(-)	70	125	70	125	(-)	(-)	10	81
South/Central America	11,776	31,985	16,701	41,824	18,543	47,732	5,233	11,016	7,736	15,455
Argentina	5,168	13,529	4,925	12,103	6,061	16,220	971	2,975	1,684	4,395
Brazil	1,120	3,629	7,890	18,709	8,596	20,500	2,455	5,542	2,597	6,255
Chile	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Colombia	5,489	14,827	3,876	10,995	3,876	10,995	1,751	2,423	3,201	4,490
Venezuela	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	246	303
Other S/C America	(-)	(-)	10	17	10	17	56	77	8	11
Other Countries	9,138	19,760	2,481	5,219	2,545	5,414	4,555	5,914	535	1,433
Egypt	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
India	9,068	19,623	2,352	4,926	2,416	5,121	4,474	5,796	336	633
South Africa	64	123	76	123	76	123	61	74	196	753
Thailand	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Other	6	14	53	170	53	170	20	45	3	48

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Exhibit 3b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products From Selected Countries and Areas

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. (-) Represents zero or less than one half of measurement shown. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Countries and Areas	2008						2007			
	December Preliminary		November Preliminary		November Final		December Final		November Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Census Basis	59,522	289,315	73,141	342,230	73,709	351,118	73,415	351,236	73,794	361,297
North America	3,985	18,939	4,720	23,543	4,719	23,556	11,188	44,961	11,737	46,868
Canada	945	10,527	1,312	13,439	1,313	13,455	1,353	12,931	2,092	17,692
Mexico	3,040	8,412	3,407	10,104	3,406	10,101	9,835	32,030	9,644	29,176
Europe	21,358	120,758	24,859	148,515	25,519	156,316	27,340	155,555	26,911	157,952
European Union	20,768	115,614	24,550	145,648	25,210	153,449	26,997	152,461	26,572	155,286
Austria	373	3,597	375	4,640	375	4,646	1,876	5,060	302	3,225
Belgium	1,102	5,939	1,030	5,778	1,030	5,778	2,138	15,620	1,281	8,607
Czech Republic	40	239	51	719	200	4,959	314	1,135	45	903
Finland	270	1,299	685	3,538	685	3,538	362	1,818	506	2,521
France	2,371	11,106	2,760	17,138	2,760	17,138	3,059	20,747	4,141	25,110
Germany	2,299	15,800	2,184	13,480	2,290	15,519	2,902	16,250	2,307	11,408
Hungary	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Italy	4,808	23,288	6,464	33,399	6,498	33,635	5,798	33,805	5,153	25,275
Netherlands	29	296	128	1,003	128	1,003	39	246	103	1,611
Poland	72	213	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	36	86	10	45
Spain	1,328	14,964	887	15,078	1,196	16,011	579	5,978	1,051	12,947
Sweden	3,591	21,937	4,774	30,443	4,821	30,761	4,159	26,176	4,632	32,144
United Kingdom	3,975	14,580	4,504	17,033	4,518	17,064	5,278	22,954	6,676	29,596
Other EU	510	2,358	707	3,398	707	3,398	457	2,586	365	1,893
Moldova	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Norway	(-)	7	2	25	2	25	3	303	(-)	22
Russia	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Switzerland	134	1,218	151	1,512	151	1,512	135	1,430	79	971
Turkey	15	201	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Ukraine	441	3,718	156	1,330	156	1,330	206	1,361	260	1,673
Other Europe	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Euro Area	13,027	78,300	15,040	96,435	15,490	99,647	17,109	101,344	15,115	91,921
Pacific Rim Countries	28,230	128,634	35,308	139,810	34,894	139,899	27,253	121,793	27,989	129,282
Australia	5	18	2	159	2	159	68	400	25	105
China	11,404	42,814	18,329	59,775	17,674	58,953	10,898	49,794	13,389	61,667
Indonesia	145	450	96	348	96	348	42	240	68	226
Japan	9,069	49,782	5,558	30,628	5,559	30,642	5,802	27,529	6,837	35,646
Newly Industrialized Countries(NICS)	6,668	30,655	10,424	44,395	10,628	45,066	10,349	43,458	7,425	30,396
Hong Kong	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	39	249	(-)	(-)
Korea	2,393	11,591	2,932	14,742	2,932	14,742	2,252	12,151	2,373	11,725
Singapore	21	108	21	96	21	96	27	167	78	409
Taiwan	4,254	18,955	7,471	29,558	7,675	30,229	8,030	30,891	4,974	18,263
Other Pacific Rim	939	4,916	898	4,505	935	4,730	94	373	244	1,242
South/Central America	1,833	4,667	1,049	3,420	1,230	3,851	2,005	7,916	1,167	4,278
Argentina	(-)	(-)	30	170	30	170	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Brazil	1,616	4,093	932	2,860	1,113	3,291	1,853	7,457	1,022	3,821
Chile	136	238	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Colombia	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Venezuela	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Other S/C America	81	335	87	390	87	390	151	459	145	457
Other Countries	4,116	16,317	7,205	26,942	7,347	27,495	5,629	21,010	5,990	22,916
Egypt	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
India	2,543	11,524	4,912	19,071	4,912	19,071	3,320	15,782	3,556	17,500
South Africa	654	1,681	1,218	2,885	1,282	3,026	1,711	2,823	2,032	3,585
Thailand	511	1,715	876	4,150	876	4,150	564	2,261	317	1,610
Other	407	1,398	200	835	278	1,249	34	143	85	220

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Exhibit 3c. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Carbon (Non-Alloy) Steel Products From Selected Countries and Areas

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. (-) Represents zero or less than one half of measurement shown. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Countries and Areas	2008						2007			
	December Preliminary		November Preliminary		November Final		December Final		November Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Census Basis	1,450,144	1,799,305	1,601,630	2,111,687	1,730,423	2,316,200	1,395,463	1,064,496	1,641,035	1,283,249
North America	284,866	284,906	329,994	369,624	331,238	370,626	598,527	415,736	552,130	403,020
Canada	189,307	183,694	220,494	243,131	221,396	243,826	434,799	296,237	438,014	309,646
Mexico	95,559	101,213	109,500	126,493	109,842	126,800	163,728	119,499	114,116	93,374
Europe	349,203	444,659	392,734	526,460	495,460	687,970	286,094	252,624	410,943	317,277
European Union	124,502	234,175	192,502	289,099	215,429	328,004	231,466	227,808	257,081	232,838
Austria	10,656	28,879	7,507	19,843	7,730	20,243	6,200	9,824	8,985	13,018
Belgium	7,183	8,633	9,915	11,699	9,915	11,699	6,052	4,332	4,543	4,241
Czech Republic	9,206	22,429	10,353	18,070	10,353	18,070	8,178	7,388	994	955
Finland	56	92	19	32	30	48	13	11	(-)	(-)
France	5,697	7,580	9,116	14,401	9,116	14,401	9,943	9,657	19,134	15,916
Germany	43,200	75,730	38,044	70,259	41,416	75,196	59,029	54,872	38,750	49,323
Hungary	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Italy	7,739	23,024	7,535	10,618	7,535	10,618	43,122	38,658	59,305	38,679
Netherlands	7,029	7,364	39,755	35,512	43,313	38,611	22,523	15,114	54,129	34,090
Poland	469	1,029	502	1,124	882	1,651	4,068	3,283	679	1,055
Spain	6,390	14,643	10,242	17,998	13,145	24,803	1,100	1,492	3,409	4,853
Sweden	1,120	2,066	3,195	4,271	3,195	4,271	770	1,465	403	1,403
United Kingdom	7,188	7,891	12,264	13,435	12,265	13,439	25,124	32,184	22,612	24,875
Other EU	18,570	34,816	44,052	71,838	56,533	94,955	45,347	49,528	44,136	44,431
Moldova	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Norway	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	1,815	2,006
Russia	94,979	82,717	95,349	105,384	95,349	105,384	69	99	50,591	27,796
Switzerland	330	640	1,473	3,089	1,513	3,164	796	1,630	1,737	2,792
Turkey	65,427	68,745	61,412	61,529	141,171	184,059	246	284	26,165	16,597
Ukraine	63,200	57,265	41,889	67,204	41,889	67,204	52,840	22,130	73,099	34,799
Other Europe	765	1,117	110	156	110	156	677	673	457	448
Euro Area	99,954	187,134	147,364	223,752	169,508	261,561	184,752	175,571	221,397	192,794
Pacific Rim Countries	582,500	779,029	738,344	1,012,482	745,082	1,025,026	344,845	265,560	532,200	395,220
Australia	40,617	29,169	1,058	1,198	1,058	1,198	39,786	21,595	47,505	25,412
China	358,637	519,867	423,155	614,488	428,700	625,516	132,020	104,650	243,936	190,197
Indonesia	29	94	340	489	340	489	4	15	890	846
Japan	48,117	73,605	80,946	108,468	81,683	109,395	41,806	39,334	58,819	50,654
Newly Industrialized Countries(NICS)	126,446	146,351	230,747	285,150	231,204	285,739	84,418	71,762	167,558	120,573
Hong Kong	11	16	59	92	59	92	(-)	(-)	21	17
Korea	97,095	109,470	200,293	242,220	200,563	242,587	52,712	43,532	145,834	102,315
Singapore	59	200	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Taiwan	29,282	36,665	30,395	42,838	30,581	43,060	31,706	28,230	21,704	18,241
Other Pacific Rim	8,653	9,943	2,097	2,689	2,097	2,689	46,811	28,204	13,492	7,538
South/Central America	115,862	118,581	37,078	66,561	39,846	71,341	85,688	49,945	78,203	76,658
Argentina	11,477	28,734	8,481	20,186	8,481	20,186	1,023	2,155	14,641	26,438
Brazil	98,423	82,009	21,631	33,959	24,376	38,705	75,461	41,000	37,900	26,356
Chile	35	60	52	96	52	96	184	185	225	293
Colombia	2,830	4,805	4,033	9,094	4,033	9,094	874	1,116	8,191	10,452
Venezuela	586	888	563	744	563	744	632	806	9,435	7,980
Other S/C America	2,511	2,085	2,318	2,481	2,341	2,515	7,514	4,684	7,809	5,140
Other Countries	117,713	172,129	103,480	136,560	118,797	161,236	80,309	80,632	67,559	91,075
Egypt	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
India	86,613	130,439	60,985	78,932	76,194	103,493	41,621	51,257	58,374	83,856
South Africa	8,960	12,379	3,564	5,700	3,564	5,700	5,790	4,970	7,684	6,013
Thailand	11,207	13,986	28,224	38,742	28,224	38,742	30,786	22,507	205	242
Other	10,933	15,325	10,707	13,186	10,814	13,302	2,113	1,898	1,296	964

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Exhibit 4. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Steel Products From Selected Countries and Areas

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Countries and Areas	November 2008 Cumulative To Date - Final		November 2007 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Census Basis	27,088,964	33,816,792	28,340,473	27,080,006
North America	8,971,365	9,639,765	8,182,320	6,933,923
Canada	6,184,426	6,579,585	5,578,792	4,777,494
Mexico	2,786,939	3,060,180	2,603,528	2,156,429
Europe	6,527,449	9,723,428	7,088,033	8,383,367
European Union	3,696,825	6,967,678	4,307,368	6,766,910
Austria	198,727	459,522	207,177	356,134
Belgium	114,233	219,814	132,811	379,927
Czech Republic	112,324	182,292	128,074	174,394
Finland	27,324	95,240	26,123	83,741
France	258,417	585,199	373,043	630,316
Germany	1,003,479	1,771,478	998,480	1,490,312
Hungary	3	7	929	584
Italy	335,369	824,981	572,071	865,259
Netherlands	419,682	349,273	502,389	329,298
Poland	68,645	54,321	14,034	21,483
Spain	185,130	403,888	142,853	241,413
Sweden	235,140	713,316	252,672	761,776
United Kingdom	321,848	660,830	428,338	808,850
Other EU	416,505	647,519	528,373	623,422
Moldova	(-)	(-)	1,147	906
Norway	26,110	39,527	30,297	24,853
Russia	901,709	833,701	1,076,595	630,497
Switzerland	15,578	48,750	24,169	54,535
Turkey	685,068	703,912	520,454	299,097
Ukraine	1,197,965	1,125,135	1,078,820	566,093
Other Europe	4,194	4,725	49,183	40,477
Euro Area	2,860,443	5,202,346	3,373,557	4,877,160
Pacific Rim Countries	8,691,999	10,945,533	9,422,805	8,650,434
Australia	594,884	470,163	742,185	382,352
China	3,935,368	5,276,458	4,019,210	3,755,105
Indonesia	5,243	11,261	23,400	25,987
Japan	1,497,277	1,926,398	1,455,909	1,613,206
Newly Industrialized Countries(NICS)	2,556,669	3,150,381	2,817,495	2,659,869
Hong Kong	780	2,210	31,747	19,355
Korea	1,989,191	2,080,585	1,759,397	1,435,972
Singapore	1,065	4,108	68,114	45,690
Taiwan	565,632	1,063,477	958,237	1,158,852
Other Pacific Rim	102,558	110,873	364,604	213,915
South/Central America	1,417,141	1,534,927	2,496,536	1,783,592
Argentina	109,893	221,623	89,580	122,698
Brazil	1,096,654	1,022,264	2,000,539	1,355,208
Chile	1,212	1,718	1,937	1,838
Colombia	87,088	163,825	83,699	107,466
Venezuela	37,437	46,323	148,160	98,405
Other S/C America	84,857	79,174	172,622	97,977
Other Countries	1,481,009	1,973,138	1,150,779	1,328,690
Egypt	(-)	(-)	9,451	5,369
India	1,136,433	1,551,922	709,930	953,951
South Africa	71,474	94,250	123,358	155,600
Thailand	197,428	231,881	294,203	194,995
Other	75,675	95,085	13,837	18,775

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Exhibit 4a. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Alloy Steel Products From Selected Countries and Areas

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Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Countries and Areas	November 2008 Cumulative To Date - Final		November 2007 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Census Basis	4,172,982	6,665,819	4,001,466	5,209,629
North America	1,535,459	2,092,299	1,676,514	1,784,240
Canada	1,265,917	1,716,702	1,165,349	1,384,084
Mexico	269,542	375,598	511,165	400,156
Europe	1,245,129	2,496,597	1,278,441	2,015,695
European Union	1,140,151	2,272,526	1,179,527	1,859,291
Austria	94,050	216,883	101,139	166,321
Belgium	12,321	53,084	16,967	57,489
Czech Republic	32,981	48,956	39,060	52,558
Finland	14,270	35,236	9,284	18,082
France	115,527	250,818	151,539	252,248
Germany	398,862	804,940	353,901	589,634
Hungary	1	4	1	3
Italy	47,874	141,152	39,409	106,127
Netherlands	78,981	73,170	98,226	72,647
Poland	1,834	5,334	878	2,371
Spain	69,107	141,281	68,932	85,516
Sweden	157,903	294,716	172,885	266,065
United Kingdom	98,194	160,239	99,175	144,378
Other EU	18,245	46,713	28,131	45,854
Moldova	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Norway	2,852	11,667	2,705	1,868
Russia	40,259	94,822	49,823	95,852
Switzerland	1,495	5,366	2,371	7,931
Turkey	3,257	5,044	18,485	15,617
Ukraine	57,116	107,171	25,516	35,121
Other Europe	(-)	(-)	13	15
Euro Area	837,492	1,738,491	852,055	1,374,678
Pacific Rim Countries	1,217,456	1,716,190	855,938	1,166,106
Australia	255	1,465	1,283	1,711
China	636,590	876,088	331,697	444,071
Indonesia	(-)	(-)	373	693
Japan	470,110	650,391	404,903	555,570
Newly Industrialized Countries(NICS)	110,349	187,913	117,336	163,601
Hong Kong	15	17	202	111
Korea	88,851	119,690	101,324	108,359
Singapore	61	221	821	3,465
Taiwan	21,421	67,985	14,988	51,666
Other Pacific Rim	152	333	347	461
South/Central America	130,767	292,661	154,414	192,448
Argentina	33,025	79,002	6,281	17,525
Brazil	59,044	131,176	108,269	124,962
Chile	(-)	(-)	10	75
Colombia	38,090	81,563	29,851	42,528
Venezuela	98	216	7,342	5,917
Other S/C America	512	704	2,662	1,440
Other Countries	44,171	68,072	36,159	51,140
Egypt	(-)	(-)	1,190	603
India	42,212	64,719	21,108	27,419
South Africa	1,619	2,361	2,617	9,527
Thailand	176	680	10,942	13,012
Other	164	312	303	578

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Exhibit 4b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products From Selected Countries and Areas

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Countries and Areas	November 2008 Cumulative To Date - Final		November 2007 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Census Basis	931,423	4,660,054	1,029,833	5,187,564
North America	104,560	454,858	144,784	556,452
Canada	18,875	178,420	26,398	186,951
Mexico	85,685	276,438	118,386	369,501
Europe	313,617	1,888,885	411,092	2,350,153
European Union	308,162	1,844,252	404,896	2,306,539
Austria	5,563	44,358	12,430	49,733
Belgium	13,259	85,192	40,151	263,191
Czech Republic	1,989	31,946	2,240	39,894
Finland	10,468	56,692	10,892	62,374
France	34,202	190,894	38,062	216,906
Germany	32,694	201,001	69,577	302,859
Hungary	(-)	(-)	2	11
Italy	61,680	349,782	70,281	392,037
Netherlands	445	3,263	422	3,964
Poland	75	197	240	566
Spain	11,765	131,225	9,042	87,538
Sweden	60,470	394,370	69,944	476,410
United Kingdom	67,535	309,287	75,761	381,360
Other EU	8,018	46,044	5,854	29,696
Moldova	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Norway	8	1,000	45	1,608
Russia	14	55	192	755
Switzerland	1,666	19,508	2,445	19,060
Turkey	(-)	(-)	11	28
Ukraine	3,767	24,070	3,483	21,958
Other Europe	(-)	(-)	21	204
Euro Area	175,200	1,090,249	255,053	1,396,462
Pacific Rim Countries	412,452	1,909,778	382,135	1,879,787
Australia	171	1,346	355	1,631
China	194,280	824,328	194,706	893,395
Indonesia	1,192	5,691	1,433	7,758
Japan	63,339	311,377	54,268	296,238
Newly Industrialized Countries(NICS)	147,800	738,894	127,922	662,266
Hong Kong	262	1,389	283	1,627
Korea	37,581	202,369	41,394	167,366
Singapore	617	3,205	1,023	5,520
Taiwan	109,340	531,932	85,221	487,753
Other Pacific Rim	5,669	28,141	3,451	18,499
South/Central America	22,116	91,096	24,059	106,709
Argentina	40	232	6	34
Brazil	20,917	87,283	23,258	104,165
Chile	153	289	(-)	(-)
Colombia	6	78	2	47
Venezuela	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Other S/C America	1,000	3,215	792	2,463
Other Countries	78,678	315,437	67,763	294,464
Egypt	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
India	48,642	232,138	37,067	204,928
South Africa	19,794	41,001	25,762	69,639
Thailand	6,942	29,185	2,034	10,171
Other	3,300	13,114	2,899	9,727

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Exhibit 4c. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Carbon (Non-Alloy) Steel Products From Selected Countries and Areas

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. (-) Represents zero or less than one half of measurement shown.

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Countries and Areas	November 2008 Cumulative To Date - Final		November 2007 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Census Basis	21,984,558	22,490,919	23,309,175	16,682,813
North America	7,331,347	7,092,608	6,361,023	4,593,231
Canada	4,899,635	4,684,463	4,387,046	3,206,459
Mexico	2,431,711	2,408,145	1,973,977	1,386,772
Europe	4,968,703	5,337,946	5,398,500	4,017,519
European Union	2,248,513	2,850,900	2,722,945	2,601,079
Austria	99,114	198,281	93,609	140,079
Belgium	88,652	81,538	75,694	59,246
Czech Republic	77,355	101,389	86,774	81,942
Finland	2,586	3,311	5,947	3,285
France	108,688	143,487	183,442	161,162
Germany	571,923	765,537	575,002	597,820
Hungary	2	3	927	571
Italy	225,815	334,046	462,382	367,095
Netherlands	340,256	272,840	403,741	252,688
Poland	66,735	48,790	12,916	18,546
Spain	104,258	131,381	64,878	68,360
Sweden	16,767	24,230	9,843	19,301
United Kingdom	156,119	191,303	253,402	283,111
Other EU	390,243	554,762	494,388	547,872
Moldova	(-)	(-)	1,147	906
Norway	23,251	26,859	27,546	21,376
Russia	861,437	738,824	1,026,580	533,889
Switzerland	12,417	23,875	19,354	27,544
Turkey	681,810	698,867	501,958	283,452
Ukraine	1,137,082	993,894	1,049,821	509,015
Other Europe	4,194	4,725	49,149	40,258
Euro Area	1,847,751	2,373,605	2,266,450	2,106,020
Pacific Rim Countries	7,062,091	7,319,566	8,184,732	5,604,541
Australia	594,458	467,351	740,547	379,011
China	3,104,497	3,576,042	3,492,808	2,417,639
Indonesia	4,051	5,570	21,594	17,536
Japan	963,828	964,630	996,739	761,399
Newly Industrialized Countries (NICs)	2,298,519	2,223,574	2,572,238	1,834,002
Hong Kong	503	804	31,262	17,616
Korea	1,862,758	1,758,527	1,616,679	1,160,248
Singapore	387	682	66,270	36,705
Taiwan	434,871	463,561	858,028	619,433
Other Pacific Rim	96,738	82,399	360,807	194,956
South/Central America	1,264,258	1,151,170	2,318,062	1,484,436
Argentina	76,829	142,389	83,292	105,139
Brazil	1,016,693	803,805	1,869,012	1,126,081
Chile	1,059	1,429	1,927	1,763
Colombia	48,993	82,184	53,846	64,891
Venezuela	37,339	46,107	140,818	92,488
Other S/C America	83,345	75,255	169,168	94,074
Other Countries	1,358,160	1,589,629	1,046,858	983,086
Egypt	(-)	(-)	8,262	4,766
India	1,045,579	1,255,065	651,755	721,604
South Africa	50,061	50,888	94,979	76,434
Thailand	190,310	202,016	281,227	171,812
Other	72,211	81,660	10,635	8,470

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Exhibit 5. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Monitored Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value in thousands of dollars. (-) Represents zero or less than one half of measurement shown. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Commodity Grouping	2008						2007			
	December Preliminary		November Preliminary		November Final		December Final		November Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	991,972	1,168,312	1,116,465	1,481,462	1,249,555	1,684,385	1,395,715	1,257,530	1,554,058	1,391,872
Carbon/Alloy Products										
Flat-rolled Products	664,933	636,732	732,055	853,878	818,348	987,245	919,529	639,603	965,679	667,992
Flat-rolled -- Slab	163,623	107,361	130,373	130,163	133,244	135,004	315,489	175,733	288,867	152,227
Flat-rolled -- Plate	71,285	110,823	118,053	185,812	118,360	186,323	104,978	99,165	75,333	82,134
Flat-rolled -- Hot-Roll	186,397	136,993	205,449	199,843	283,428	322,384	247,054	145,135	313,128	183,483
Flat-rolled -- Cold-Roll	67,611	75,689	75,185	89,333	76,055	90,817	85,011	66,713	88,971	70,499
Flat-rolled -- Coated	146,917	174,075	171,106	215,774	171,886	216,719	126,575	120,482	155,350	142,752
Flat-rolled -- Tin Mill	29,101	31,790	31,889	32,953	35,375	35,999	40,421	32,375	44,030	36,898
Hot-rolled Bar	93,007	105,431	120,522	146,141	133,403	161,626	112,028	101,047	139,097	122,128
Cold Finished Bar	13,157	25,116	12,507	25,989	12,656	26,235	14,985	24,570	22,905	31,375
Rebar	12,448	9,701	19,982	14,440	22,781	15,876	49,804	34,824	60,889	40,266
Welded Pipe	172,319	237,220	192,047	272,077	222,888	323,686	262,281	309,843	330,170	395,820
Fittings and Flanges	25,494	96,525	24,975	89,744	25,031	89,865	22,570	64,510	21,544	62,105
Stainless Steel Products										
Bar	7,433	40,564	9,070	52,527	9,135	53,138	9,864	57,074	8,909	45,554
Rod	964	4,066	2,260	8,690	2,260	8,690	1,714	8,136	1,729	7,523
Wire	2,217	12,959	3,047	17,978	3,052	18,023	2,942	17,924	3,137	19,108

Commodity Grouping	November 2008 Cumulative To Date - Final		November 2007 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	19,032,247	20,705,679	21,374,114	17,261,915
Carbon/Alloy Products				
Flat-rolled Products	12,736,187	11,880,102	13,818,047	9,198,373
Flat-rolled -- Slab	4,709,022	3,723,778	5,124,736	2,561,132
Flat-rolled -- Plate	993,334	1,427,807	1,100,118	1,074,634
Flat-rolled -- Hot-Roll	3,410,327	2,952,361	3,140,321	1,855,579
Flat-rolled -- Cold-Roll	1,026,256	1,011,358	1,323,764	962,472
Flat-rolled -- Coated	2,239,207	2,428,551	2,587,419	2,312,106
Flat-rolled -- Tin Mill	358,041	336,247	541,688	432,450
Hot-rolled Bar	1,672,602	1,838,335	1,554,194	1,313,896
Cold Finished Bar	192,730	334,819	220,973	317,110
Rebar	868,212	689,466	1,638,351	891,343
Welded Pipe	3,142,673	4,110,660	3,735,288	3,871,557
Fittings and Flanges	241,362	820,981	229,086	649,628
Stainless Steel Products				
Bar	116,731	682,202	113,705	639,010
Rod	25,043	117,327	25,209	126,277
Wire	36,706	231,788	39,260	254,721

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Exhibit 6. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Monitored Steel Products from Selected Countries

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Countries and Areas	2008						2007			
	December Preliminary		November Preliminary		November Final		December Final		November Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Argentina	29	714	37	417	37	417	6	64	2	17
Brazil	73,006	56,647	6,398	11,033	9,153	15,646	63,355	34,442	13,576	12,329
Bulgaria	(-)	(-)	2,988	4,049	2,988	4,049	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Canada	197,598	204,421	245,430	283,269	245,798	283,705	447,524	350,226	465,447	381,380
Columbia	1,201	1,301	166	264	166	264	(-)	(-)	2,378	2,205
Czech Republic	5,895	7,602	34	183	38	213	1,559	2,057	2,232	2,350
Egypt	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Hungary	1	22	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	1	9	(-)	2
India	72,399	109,029	62,679	91,853	77,889	116,414	48,034	71,336	66,057	107,336
Indonesia	38	232	306	394	306	394	(-)	(-)	873	804
Latvia	(-)	(-)	79	500	79	500	52	313	46	313
Mexico	74,650	61,491	88,846	99,157	89,171	99,417	228,265	169,026	143,798	114,627
Oman	4,461	4,926	3,507	4,356	3,507	4,356	654	506	1,005	763
Poland	268	853	48	600	427	1,127	67	490	41	441
Romania	1,474	3,097	12,794	19,300	13,196	19,865	6,500	5,770	7,454	6,912
South Africa	3,703	4,651	107	165	107	165	3,077	2,779	5,409	4,781
Thailand	12,307	18,427	28,962	41,872	28,962	41,872	30,909	24,779	217	588
Trinidad And Tobago	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	1,381	858	(-)	(-)
Turkey	30,005	39,384	38,130	41,063	117,889	163,594	247	290	25,543	16,456
Venezuela	603	942	265	475	265	475	493	783	923	999

Countries and Areas	November 2008 Cumulative To Date - Final		November 2007 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Argentina	1,556	4,411	23,511	11,761
Brazil	810,217	614,008	1,513,007	905,399
Bulgaria	2,988	4,052	2,892	1,753
Canada	5,192,172	5,306,080	4,701,482	3,933,016
Columbia	10,711	14,165	13,845	12,494
Czech Republic	20,963	25,782	29,019	35,640
Egypt	(-)	(-)	9,451	5,369
Hungary	4	59	930	629
India	1,102,111	1,513,373	714,583	951,554
Indonesia	3,980	5,179	21,532	17,350
Latvia	663	3,994	911	5,867
Mexico	2,240,987	2,165,622	2,300,146	1,584,677
Oman	17,678	17,123	5,194	3,649
Poland	56,928	33,572	1,669	4,367
Romania	50,840	62,102	74,556	69,872
South Africa	19,715	19,581	69,401	65,494
Thailand	196,732	226,817	291,903	186,977
Trinidad And Tobago	(-)	(-)	2,299	1,041
Turkey	573,620	609,335	494,773	281,329
Venezuela	10,857	13,755	99,125	55,098

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