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PRELIMINARY: U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF STEEL PRODUCTS, June 2019


July 24, 2019 — The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary June steel imports were $1.8 billion (1.8 million metric tons) compared to the preliminary May totals of $1.9 billion (1.9 million metric tons).

The June change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected decreases primarily in reinforcing bars, line pipe, and hot dip galvanized sheet and strip. Increases occurred in blooms, billets and slabs and tin plate. Decreases occurred primarily with Korea and Brazil. Increases occurred primarily with Russia, Canada, and Germany.

The year to date final statistics through May 2019 showed steel imports of 12.3 million metric tons compared with 13.9 million metric tons through May 2018. The largest commodity decreases occurred primarily in hot rolled sheets and cold rolled sheets. Increases occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs and line pipe. The largest country decreases occurred primarily with Canada. Increases occurred primarily with Brazil, Italy, and Spain.

The July report is scheduled for release on August 23, 2019. View the full schedule at: <www.census.gov/foreign-trade/reference/release_schedule.html> The full text and tables for this release can be found at <www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html>.

EXPLANATORY 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 our web site at <www.census.gov/trade>. On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.

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