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March Monthly Steel Factsheet

The preliminary data released show that overall steel imports in March 2017 increased by 24.8 percent from February. This change in the March total volume of steel imports resulted from increases in nearly all categories, including carbon and alloy hot-rolled sheets (52.9%), reinforcing bars (49.4%), blooms, billets and slabs (38%), oil country tubular goods (31%), and stainless pipe and tubing (32.4%). Notable decreases included carbon and alloy cold-rolled sheets (-4.8%) and stainless cold-rolled sheets (-4.4%). March 2017 imports of steel mill products increased 30.6 percent from one year ago, with significant increases in carbon and alloy oil country tubular goods (361.9%), blooms, billets and slabs (77.1%), cold-rolled sheets (60.7%), standard pipe (52.9%), and stainless blooms, billets and slabs (45.7%). Notable decreases from last year included carbon and alloy hot-rolled sheets (-14.6%) and stainless cold-rolled sheets (-15.1%).

Preliminary Census Steel Import Statistic Comparisons

	Mar-16	Feb-17	Mar-17	% Change	% Change
				Feb 17 - Mar 17	Mar 16 - Mar 17
All Steel Mill Products	2,359,371	2,469,257	3,081,199	24.8%	30.6%
All Carbon and Alloy Products	2,270,683	2,391,753	2,992,649	25.1%	31.8%
Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- C & A	441,529	566,823	782,078	38.0%	77.1%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped -- C & A	211,497	234,204	242,180	3.4%	14.5%
Sheets Hot Rolled -- C & A	181,503	101,361	154,970	52.9%	-14.6%
Sheets Cold Rolled -- C & A	116,461	196,567	187,111	-4.8%	60.7%
Bars-Reinforcing -- C & A	222,188	148,453	221,727	49.4%	-0.2%
Wire Rods -- C & A	124,708	121,987	151,037	23.8%	21.1%
Line Pipe -- C & A	103,848	146,481	152,081	3.8%	46.4%
Plates in Coils -- C & A	69,515	63,205	82,633	30.7%	18.9%
Standard Pipe -- C & A	61,389	86,174	93,846	8.9%	52.9%
Oil Country Tubular Goods -- C & A	51,382	181,220	237,354	31.0%	361.9%
All Stainless Products	88,688	77,503	88,549	14.3%	-0.2%
Sheets Cold Rolled -- S	28,400	25,218	24,104	-4.4%	-15.1%
Stainless Pipe & Tubing -- S	10,312	8,801	11,654	32.4%	13.0%
Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- S	8,980	12,754	13,084	2.6%	45.7%
*March 2017 figures are PRELIMINARY; final March 2017 figures to be released 5/4/17.					
**All numbers represent quantity in metric tons.					

*Please see the SIMA website for further data and graphs: <http://hq-web03.ita.doc.gov/License/Surge.nsf/HomePage?OpenForm>