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April Monthly Steel Factsheet

The preliminary data released show that overall steel imports in April 2019 rose 46.2 percent from March 2019, more than reversing the decline last month. This increase in the March to April total volume of steel imports resulted from increases in most large categories of steel, including carbon and alloy blooms, billets, and slabs (222.3%), wire rods (109.2%), oil country tubular goods (47.5%), galvanized hot-dipped sheets and strip (29.3%), and stainless blooms, billets, and slabs (6.4%). Notable decreases included carbon and alloy reinforcing bars (-26.4%), line pipe (-18.2%), and stainless pipe and tubing (-8.5%). April 2019 imports of steel mill products decreased 12.0 percent from one year ago, with significant decreases in carbon and alloy reinforcing bars (-60.2%), carbon and alloy standard pipe (-49.3%), carbon and alloy line pipe (-40.7%), hot-rolled sheets (-38.5%), cold-rolled sheets (-34.0%), stainless pipe and tubing (-38.1%), and stainless cold-rolled sheets (-23.6%).

Preliminary Census Steel Import Statistic Comparisons					
	Apr-18	Mar-19	Apr-19	%Change	%Change
				Mar 19 - Apr 19	Apr 18 - Apr 19
All Steel Mill Products	3,405,564	2,049,987	2,997,735	46.2%	-12.0%
All Carbon and Alloy Products	3,310,935	1,980,699	2,921,442	47.5%	-11.8%
Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- C & A	782,004	360,091	1,160,733	222.3%	48.4%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped -- C & A	317,666	166,721	215,577	29.3%	-32.1%
Sheets Hot Rolled -- C & A	235,927	124,921	145,076	16.1%	-38.5%
Sheets Cold Rolled -- C & A	198,493	118,510	130,992	10.5%	-34.0%
Bars-Reinforcing -- C & A	169,334	91,504	67,327	-26.4%	-60.2%
Wire Rods -- C & A	72,428	64,358	134,663	109.2%	85.9%
Line Pipe -- C & A	251,622	182,459	149,266	-18.2%	-40.7%
Plates in Coils -- C & A	150,781	95,988	103,428	7.8%	-31.4%
Standard Pipe -- C & A	100,174	50,419	50,799	0.8%	-49.3%
Oil Country Goods -- C & A	299,726	1,980,699	2,921,442	47.5%	874.7%
All Stainless Products	94,629	69,287	76,293	10.1%	-19.4%
Sheets Cold Rolled -- S	22,493	17,248	17,189	-0.3%	-23.6%
Stainless Pipe & Tubing -- S	14,281	9,664	8,840	-8.5%	-38.1%
Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- S	12,425	10,876	11,576	6.4%	-6.8%
*April 2019 figures are PRELIMINARY; final April 2019 figures to be released 6/6/2019.					
**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>