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October Monthly Steel Factsheet

The preliminary data released show that overall steel imports in October 2018 rose 44.3 percent from September 2018, more than reversing the decline last month. This increase in the September to October total volume of steel imports resulted from increases in most large categories, including carbon and alloy blooms, billets, and slabs (226.8%), line pipe (37.4%), plates in coils (7.9%), cold rolled sheets (6.4%), galvanized hot-dipped sheets and strip (6.1%), stainless steel cold-rolled sheets (18.0%), and pipe and tubing (2.7%). Notable decreases included carbon and alloy reinforcing bars (-25.5%), wire rods (-10.3%), standard pipe (-4.8%), and stainless blooms, billets, and slabs (-5.5%). October 2018 imports of steel mill products increased 3.7 percent from one year ago with significant increases in carbon and alloy blooms, billets, and slabs (108.0%), hot rolled sheets (43.6%), and plates in coils (8.0%). Steel imports increased from last year due in large part to the 108.0% jump in carbon and alloy blooms, billets, and slabs more than offsetting declines in most other categories.

Preliminary Census Steel Import Statistic Comparisons					
	Oct-17	Sep-18	Oct-18	%Change Sept 18 - Oct 18	%Change Oct 17 - Oct 18
All Steel Mill Products	2,856,041	2,051,884	2,961,292	44.3%	3.7%
All Carbon and Alloy Products	2,754,904	1,987,758	2,889,242	45.4%	4.9%
Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- C & A	551,133	350,821	1,146,386	226.8%	108.0%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped -- C & A	238,933	222,236	235,763	6.1%	-1.3%
Sheets Hot Rolled -- C & A	161,671	225,128	232,117	3.1%	43.6%
Sheets Cold Rolled -- C & A	200,687	134,424	143,030	6.4%	-28.7%
Bars-Reinforcing -- C & A	72,512	62,905	46,840	-25.5%	-35.4%
Wire Rods -- C & A	108,713	71,146	63,852	-10.3%	-41.3%
Line Pipe -- C & A	228,229	128,561	176,658	37.4%	-22.6%
Plates in Coils -- C & A	122,952	123,058	132,733	7.9%	8.0%
Standard Pipe -- C & A	83,641	64,233	61,156	-4.8%	-26.9%
Oil Country Goods -- C & A	304,730	150,590	156,924	4.2%	-48.5%
All Stainless Products	101,136	64,126	72,050	12.4%	-28.8%
Sheets Cold Rolled -- S	29,117	19,303	22,779	18.0%	-21.8%
Stainless Pipe & Tubing -- S	13,089	8,825	9,065	2.7%	-30.7%
Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- S	15,160	8,443	7,977	-5.5%	-47.4%
*October 2018 figures are PRELIMINARY; final October 2018 figures to be released 12/27/18.					
**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>