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## July Monthly Steel Fact Sheet

The preliminary data released today show that overall **steel imports in July 2008 increased 4.1 percent from June 2008**. The change in June's total amount of steel imports was due to an increase in imports for most product categories. There was a significant decrease in standard pipe (-15.5%) and wire rods (-21.5%) and a slight decrease in hot rolled sheet, cold rolled sheet and line pipe. There was also a significant increase in rebar (29.8%) from June to July 2008. Stainless imports increased by 7.15% overall in spite of a 0.09% decrease in stainless pipe and tubing. July 2008 imports of steel mill products were down 13.57 percent compared to July 2007.

Preliminary Census Steel Import Statistic Comparisons					
Product	Jul-07	Jun-08	Jul-08	% Change June 08- July 08	% Change July 07- July 08
<a href="#">All Steel Mill Products</a>	2,982,876	2,476,551	2,577,982	4.10%	-13.57%
<a href="#">All Carbon and Alloy Products</a>	2,882,187	2,389,365	2,484,560	3.98%	-13.80%
<a href="#">Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- C &amp; A</a>	722,311	539,563	590,660	9.47%	-18.23%
<a href="#">Sheets Hot Rolled -- C &amp; A</a>	181,618	223,417	215,444	-3.57%	18.62%
<a href="#">Sheets &amp; Strip Galv Hot Dipped -- C &amp; A</a>	143,983	123,255	140,900	14.32%	-2.14%
<a href="#">Sheets Cold Rolled -- C &amp; A</a>	101,543	78,612	77,775	-1.06%	-23.41%
<a href="#">Bars-Reinforcing -- C &amp; A</a>	264,191	60,723	78,817	29.80%	-70.17%
<a href="#">Wire Rods -- C &amp; A</a>	138,325	107,118	84,049	-21.54%	-39.24%
<a href="#">Line Pipe -- C &amp; A</a>	263,146	257,202	253,763	-1.34%	-3.57%
<a href="#">Oil Country Goods -- C &amp; A</a>	146,369	236,157	280,055	18.59%	91.33%
<a href="#">Plates in Coils -- C &amp; A</a>	79,290	70,913	79,294	11.82%	0.01%
<a href="#">Standard Pipe -- C &amp; A</a>	127,194	104,017	87,818	-15.57%	-30.96%
<a href="#">All Stainless Products</a>	100,689	87,186	93,421	7.15%	-7.22%
<a href="#">Sheets Cold Rolled -- S</a>	29,717	30,156	31,722	5.19%	6.75%
<a href="#">Stainless Pipe &amp; Tubing -- S</a>	14,099	10,845	10,835	-0.09%	-23.15%
<a href="#">Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- S</a>	9,352	8,813	9,769	10.85%	4.46%

\*\*July 2008 figures are PRELIMINARY; final July figures to be released 9/11/08  
\*All numbers represent quantity in metric tons.

\* Please see the SIMA website for further data and graphs: <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/steel/license/index.html>