Table 16. Average Price of U.S. Coal Imports

(Dollars per Short Ton)

Continent and County of Origin	January - March 2008	October - December 2007	January - March 2007	Year to Date		
				2008	2007	Percent Change
North America Total	<b>86.17</b> 86.17	<b>86.78</b> 86.78	<b>96.36</b> 96.36	<b>86.17</b> 86.17	<b>96.36</b> 96.36	<b>-10.6</b> -10.6
South America Total	<b>52.59</b> 51.89 62.17	<b>48.83</b> 47.82 55.21	<b>46.29</b> 45.57 52.90	<b>52.59</b> 51.89 62.17	<b>46.29</b> 45.57 52.90	<b>13.6</b> 13.9 17.5
Europe Total	- - -	<b>2,983.00</b> 2,983.00	55.27 55.16 75.01	- - -	55.27 55.16 75.01	- - -
Asia Total	<b>36.05</b> 99.81 35.58	<b>35.80</b> 120.56 34.15	<b>24.88</b> 98.23 23.81	<b>36.05</b> 99.81 35.58	<b>24.88</b> 98.23 23.81	<b>44.9</b> 1.6 49.4
Oceania & Australia Total	<b>56.62</b> 56.62	<b>50.69</b> 32.44 57.23	<b>31.36</b> 31.36	<b>56.62</b> 56.62	<b>31.36</b> 31.36	<b>80.5</b> 80.5
U.S. Total <sup>1</sup>	52.91	50.51	45.91	52.91	45.91	15.2

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  U.S. Total is the average price of all coal imports.

Source: • Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, "Monthly Report IM 145."

<sup>- =</sup> No data are reported.

Note: • Total may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. Average price is based on the customs import value, including value for shipments of specialty coal not used as a fuel source (about 0.05% of all shipments). Customs import value is the price paid for merchandise when sold for exportation to the United States, excluding U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the merchandise to the United States. Coal imports include coal to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.