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September Monthly Steel Fact Sheet

The preliminary data released today show that overall **steel imports in September 2008 increased 14.7 percent from August 2008**. The change in September's total amount of steel imports was due to an increase in imports for almost all carbon and alloy product categories. The most significant increases were in plates in coils (51.41%), line pipe (48.47%) and oil country goods (46.52%). Stainless imports decreased by 12.57% overall due to a decrease in cold rolled sheet and blooms, billets and slabs. September 2008 imports of steel mill products were up 22.32 percent compared to September 2007.

Preliminary Census Steel Import Statistic Comparisons					
Product	Sep-07	Aug-08	Sep-08	% Change August 08- Sept 08	% Change Sept 07- Sept 08
<u>All Steel Mill Products</u>	2,166,546	2,310,852	2,650,182	14.68%	22.32%
<u>All Carbon and Alloy Products</u>	2,090,509	2,226,981	2,576,853	15.71%	23.26%
<u>Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- C & A</u>	321,793	438,335	439,258	0.21%	36.50%
<u>Sheets Hot Rolled -- C & A</u>	187,398	206,031	234,656	13.89%	25.22%
<u>Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped -- C & A</u>	142,169	132,566	178,210	34.43%	25.35%
<u>Sheets Cold Rolled -- C & A</u>	75,617	59,178	81,486	37.70%	7.76%
<u>Bars-Reinforcing -- C & A</u>	114,663	75,503	49,360	-34.63%	-56.95%
<u>Wire Rods -- C & A</u>	89,833	70,449	81,826	16.15%	-8.91%
<u>Line Pipe -- C & A</u>	198,356	169,805	252,105	48.47%	27.10%
<u>Oil Country Goods -- C & A</u>	147,552	289,382	424,013	46.52%	187.37%
<u>Plates in Coils -- C & A</u>	56,883	86,564	131,067	51.41%	130.42%
<u>Standard Pipe -- C & A</u>	93,650	89,376	109,982	23.06%	17.44%
<u>All Stainless Products</u>	76,037	83,871	73,329	-12.57%	-3.56%
<u>Sheets Cold Rolled -- S</u>	22,666	26,450	21,039	-20.46%	-7.18%
<u>Stainless Pipe & Tubing -- S</u>	12,871	10,724	12,676	18.20%	-1.52%
<u>Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- S</u>	7,647	7,593	6,524	-14.08%	-14.69%
**September 2008 figures are PRELIMINARY; final September figures to be released 11/13/08					
*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>