



# ***SIMA NEWSLETTER***

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*The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate changes to the license system, steel import monitoring and analysis system (SIMA), and other items of interest to help keep the program running smoothly.*

## **Welcome!**

With 2008 more than halfway over, this year continues to be highly active for SIMA. We have made a few minor changes to the steel licensing system, including a new sorting method that should improve both the licensing application process and the import monitor. We also note a huge milestone in issuing the two millionth license in April. We appreciate your support and cooperation as we continue to make this system a reliable and useful tool.


Best Regards,  
The Steel Licensing Team

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## **License Form Renewal**

As you may have noticed, the Steel Import License application (ITA Form 4141P) expired on June 30, 2008. The form is being renewed without any changes and there will be no changes to the process of applying for and receiving licenses or to the import monitor. This expiration date only applies to the form itself and will not affect the valid dates for issued licenses. The application form is currently available with a temporary expiration date of July 30, 2008. You might notice this date in the top right-hand corner of the application. The expiration date will change again when we receive approval for a more long-term extension of the form.

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| <b>IMPORT ADMINISTRATION</b>            |  |
| Valid for use on ONE Customs Entry ONLY | OMB Form: 0625-0245<br>Expire: July 30, 2008   |
|   |  |
|   | How to Fill out License Form   |
| <b>STEEL IMPORT LICENSE</b>             |  |

# New Table Sorting Methods

You might have noticed that SIMA has a new system for sorting the data in the monitor tables. The tables now order data based on the total of the last three months of Census data instead of the total for all visible data. This new order better reflects recent steel trade relationships, and allows users to note trends. Below is an example of a table from the monitor. In this example, the countries are listed in descending order based on the total imports from January, February, and March 2008.

US Imports of Steel Mill Products  
[FOR All Steel Mill Products](#)  
 Quantity in Metric Tons [Same Table - Average Unit Value](#)  
 'C & A' = Carbon and Alloy products, 'S' = Stainless products

| Graph | Country                 | Census Data |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | Preliminary Census Data |           | License Data |           |
|-------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
|       |                         | APR07       | MAY07     | JUN07     | JUL07     | AUG07     | SEP07     | OCT07     | NOV07     | DEC07     | JAN08     | FEB08     | MAR08     | APR08                   | MAY08     | JUN08        |           |
| M     | <a href="#">WORLD</a>   | 2,584,463   | 2,965,041 | 2,786,185 | 2,982,876 | 2,400,465 | 2,166,546 | 2,516,339 | 2,106,868 | 1,817,588 | 2,419,196 | 2,252,849 | 2,332,179 | 2,702,525               | 2,223,777 | 2,280,309    | 1,878,012 |
| M     | <a href="#">CANADA</a>  | 534,761     | 528,310   | 505,322   | 496,880   | 452,400   | 459,355   | 565,663   | 548,503   | 531,920   | 669,422   | 607,619   | 658,467   | 705,445                 | 621,045   | 629,671      | 364,727   |
| M     | <a href="#">MEXICO</a>  | 319,753     | 188,756   | 240,323   | 295,904   | 219,623   | 201,176   | 249,983   | 171,434   | 258,089   | 278,115   | 290,883   | 289,838   | 278,552                 | 266,950   | 263,533      | 204,816   |
| M     | <a href="#">CHINA</a>   | 257,230     | 490,876   | 464,104   | 438,974   | 329,863   | 302,984   | 277,642   | 297,508   | 165,510   | 247,663   | 214,676   | 220,440   | 163,873                 | 260,348   | 260,859      | 276,228   |
| M     | <a href="#">KOREA</a>   | 157,563     | 188,411   | 175,382   | 180,989   | 130,840   | 150,229   | 146,067   | 159,735   | 58,554    | 210,616   | 136,752   | 144,080   | 191,717                 | 180,206   | 167,514      | 152,408   |
| M     | <a href="#">JAPAN</a>   | 169,269     | 172,987   | 108,163   | 141,249   | 177,349   | 86,063    | 99,617    | 96,965    | 80,030    | 149,157   | 80,494    | 131,203   | 190,525                 | 107,760   | 103,734      | 99,029    |
| M     | <a href="#">INDIA</a>   | 77,630      | 75,823    | 66,323    | 54,841    | 63,111    | 73,424    | 72,264    | 62,265    | 49,414    | 117,307   | 117,409   | 105,121   | 110,387                 | 87,101    | 111,961      | 33,978    |
| M     | <a href="#">BRAZIL</a>  | 213,466     | 217,273   | 184,172   | 191,952   | 145,023   | 122,253   | 295,267   | 41,518    | 79,769    | 116,494   | 109,964   | 52,342    | 156,464                 | 92,846    | 92,911       | 79,065    |
| M     | <a href="#">GERMANY</a> | 103,748     | 95,991    | 127,682   | 75,893    | 103,476   | 81,434    | 105,625   | 78,932    | 97,703    | 78,816    | 88,243    | 76,348    | 133,253                 | 89,432    | 77,018       | 93,041    |

## Reminder: Verification Emails

Some users may have received emails after applying for licenses with a request to verify the license information. These emails are one tool that SIMA staff uses to verify information and to ensure accurate data before including new licenses in the online monitor. There are two reasons a license may be highlighted for verifications: 1.) if the unit value seems too high or too low based on historical and current data, or 2.) if the country of origin seems rare for the product being imported. Typically when a license is flagged for verification, a typo occurred when entering the information.

If you do receive an email requesting verification of an entry, please log in using your user ID, make any necessary changes, and respond that the data has been corrected. If the information is correct as first entered, please respond via email to confirm that the information is correct. Your cooperation with this process is greatly appreciated!

# New Countries

The SIMA system received its first applications for imports from Afghanistan and Nicaragua recently, necessitating the addition of those two countries to the licensing and monitoring systems. Also, Serbia and Montenegro, previously listed as one country under “Serbia and Montenegro”, are each listed as individual countries.

## New HTS Codes Added

The International Trade Commission added new codes on July 1<sup>st</sup> to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) for certain steel rods, replacing three codes. These new HTS codes have been added to the licensing system and appear in the box below:

### Added

- 7227200030 – BRS A RDS SLCO-MN STL IRRG COILS HOT-ROLLED, WELDING QUAL, STAT NOTE 6
- 7227200080 - BRS A RDS SLCO-MN STL IRRG COILS HOT-ROLLED, OTHER

### Deleted

- 7227200000 - BRS A RDS SLCO-MN STL IRRG COILS HOT-ROLLED

### Added

- 7227906020 - BARS/RODS OTH AL STL, IRREG COILS, HOT-ROLLED, OTH, WELD, <10mm, STAT NOTE 6
- 7227906085 - BARS/RODS OTH AL STL, IRREG COILS, HOT-ROLLED, OTH, OTH, STAT NOTE 6

### Deleted

- 7227906080 - BARS/RODS OTH AL STL, IRREG COILS, HOT-ROLLED, OTH

### Added

- 7213913020 - BAR ROD IRON/STEEL HOT-ROLLED IRR DIA <10MM, STAT NOTE 6
- 7213913093 - BAR ROD IRON/STEEL HOT-ROLLED IRR DIA <10MM, OTH, STAT NOTE 6

### Deleted

- 7213913092 - BAR ROD IRON/STEEL HOT-ROLLED IRR DIA LT 14MM NESOI

### Statistical Note 6 from HTS 2008 – Supplement 1

Welding quality wire rod

Rod measuring less than 10 mm in diameter having less than 0.2% carbon, less than 0.04% sulfur, and less than 0.04% phosphorus, suitable for drawing or rolling to final size for use as:

- (i) an uncoated or plated or copper coated solid welding wire or rod;
- (ii) the core wire or core rod for covered shielded metal arc (“SMAW”) welding electrode; or
- (iii) the formed jacket of a flux cored welding electrode that is suitable for consumption in the electric arc welding process.

# 2 Millionth License!

On the morning of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, SIMA issued the 2 millionth steel import license! Mr. John Hall from Russell A. Farrow U.S., a small CHB headquartered in Taylor Michigan, applied for the distinctive license. The company employs about 45 staff members in Michigan and 60 throughout the U.S. They apply for approximately 12-20 licenses per day for steel imports from Canada and other countries. Following application, the steel licenses are reviewed by Mr. Jeff Satterlee and Ms. Renee Mintz, other members of Russell A. Farrow team.

In recognition of this momentous occasion we will send them a commemorative book about Washington, D.C.

## Katie's Helpful Hints

- When looking for a copy of an old license you can log in using your user ID and use the "Correct License" feature to access issued licenses. You will need to know the license number and the volume of Product One to open the license. If you need to access an older license and you are unable to find it under your account, please let us know. We can access these archived licenses and send you a copy.
- **Don't forget** to update your profile when your company or contact information changes by using the "Modify Profile" option. It is especially important that you keep your email address current, as that is where copies of your licenses are automatically sent, and also how we contact you to verify data if necessary.

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