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## February Monthly Steel Fact Sheet

The preliminary data released show that overall steel imports in February 2009 decreased 34.45 percent from January 2009. This change in February's total amount of steel imports was due to an decrease in several categories including standard pipe (-59.12%), line pipe (-49.97%), and oil country goods (-46.87%). Other notable decreases included wire rods (-51.47%), carbon and alloy blooms, billets and slabs (-49.97%), and reinforcing bar (-41.84%). February 2009 imports of steel mill products were down 37.48 percent compared to February 2008. Despite the February 2009 decrease, oil country goods increased 83.19% from February 2008 to February 2009.

Preliminary Census Steel Import Statistic Comparisons					
	Feb 08	Jan 09	Feb 09 Prelim	% Change	% Change
				Jan 09- Feb 09	Feb 08- Feb 09
<a href="#">All Steel Mill Products</a>	2,252,849	2,148,659	1,408,448	-34.45%	-37.48%
<a href="#">All Carbon and Alloy Products</a>	2,166,107	2,086,259	1,366,008	-34.52%	-36.94%
<a href="#">Oil Country Goods -- C &amp; A</a>	133,794	461,293	245,097	-46.87%	83.19%
<a href="#">Line Pipe -- C &amp; A</a>	263,219	258,580	130,352	-49.59%	-50.48%
<a href="#">Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- C &amp; A</a>	491,765	183,890	92,009	-49.97%	-81.29%
<a href="#">Sheets Hot Rolled -- C &amp; A</a>	225,957	137,299	151,193	10.12%	-33.09%
<a href="#">Sheets &amp; Strip Galv Hot Dipped -- C &amp; A</a>	102,648	92,146	86,253	-6.40%	-15.97%
<a href="#">Standard Pipe -- C &amp; A</a>	60,778	102,625	41,952	-59.12%	-30.98%
<a href="#">Wire Rods -- C &amp; A</a>	70,502	78,378	38,035	-51.47%	-46.05%
<a href="#">Plates in Coils -- C &amp; A</a>	57,831	54,913	62,639	14.07%	8.31%
<a href="#">Sheets Cold Rolled -- C &amp; A</a>	95,303	92,410	101,265	9.58%	6.26%
<a href="#">Bars-Reinforcing -- C &amp; A</a>	108,264	49,212	28,620	-41.84%	-73.56%
<a href="#">All Stainless Products</a>	86,741	62,400	42,440	-31.99%	-51.07%
<a href="#">Sheets Cold Rolled -- S</a>	33,553	13,994	9,322	-33.39%	-72.22%
<a href="#">Stainless Pipe &amp; Tubing -- S</a>	8,675	9,988	6,507	-34.85%	-24.99%
<a href="#">Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- S</a>	11,164	6,542	6,370	-2.63%	-42.94%

\*\*February 2009 figures are PRELIMINARY; final February 2009 figures to be released April 09, 2009.  
\*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>