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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 make the program run smoothly.

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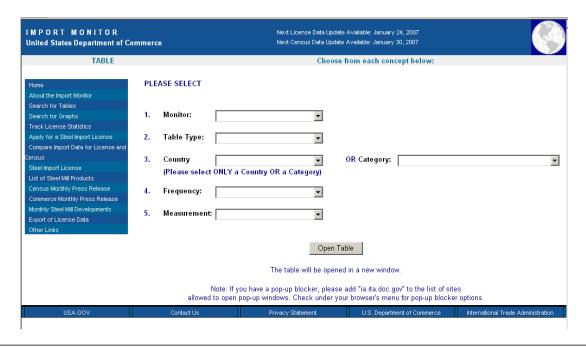
The big news for this edition of our newsletter is the brand new table menu on the website. Tables from all three monitors (steel mill, export, and downstream) can now be accessed through one convenient menu. Also, there are a few changes to the HTS codes covered by the licensing system; these will go into effect on February 3.

Best Regards,

The Steel Licensing Team

Table Menu now Available!

The website now has an updated table search menu that can be accessed by clicking on "Steel Mill Import Monitor with Menu Options" and from our main page then selecting "Search for Tables" or follow this link: http://hq-web03.ita.doc.gov/License/Surge.nsf/TableSearch?OpenForm The new menu allows searches of tables from all three of our monitors: Steel Mill Product Imports, Exports, and Downstream. Here is what the new menu looks like:



New HTS Codes for 2007

- The 2007 HTS (Preliminary Effective 1/1/2007) is still in effect until February 3, 2007. These draft files incorporate amendments (including statistical annotations) arising from Pres. Proc. 8097 (see link below), which was published in the Federal Register on 1/4/2007.
- In addition, these drafts include provisions of P.L. 109-432, which became effective on January 4, 2007. These provisions will be updated, as needed, in a subsequent proclamation, to reflect amendments arising from Pres. Proc. 8097.
- The change record for the new HTS codes can be viewed at the following link from the ITC website: http://hotdocs.usitc.gov/docs/tata/hts/bychapter/0700chgs.pdf
- A list of changes made to the license system is located at: http://ia.ita.doc.gov/steel/license/

Peter's Troubleshooting Tips

Please be advised that you can easily update your profiles to alter contact information, company name, or any other information in your profile. Simply log in with your id, then select "Modify Profile" from the menu on the left.

Also, please respond promptly to our inquiries about duplicate licenses and possible problems in the data entry on the licenses. The quality of our monitor depends on your responsiveness to these issues!

Licensing Issues in the New Year

The licensing system experienced some down time in the beginning of the year due to a technical glitch. This problem has been remedied, but please note that if you applied for a license from 1/1/2007 through the morning of 1/3/2007 you will need to re-apply (if you haven't already) as it did not go through during that period. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you are unsure about your license, please contact us.

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