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## December Monthly Steel Factsheet

The preliminary data released show that overall steel imports in December 2012 decreased 13.9 percent from November 2012. This change in the December total volume of steel imports resulted from decreases in almost all categories, including carbon and alloy reinforcing bars (-39.1%), galvanized hot-dipped sheets and strips (-37.7%), oil country tubular goods (-32.9%), and plates in coils (-32.6%). Notable increases included carbon and alloy hot-rolled sheets (39.5%) and blooms, billets and slabs (2.3%). December 2012 imports of steel mill products increased 13.3 percent from December 2011, with significant increases in carbon and alloy cold-rolled sheets (61.7%), blooms, billets and slabs (39.2%), hot-rolled sheets (34.9%), and line pipe (26.6%).

**Preliminary Census Steel Import Statistic Comparisons**

	Dec-11	Nov-12	Dec-12	% Change	% Change
				Nov 12 - Dec 12	Dec 11 - Dec 12
<b>All Steel Mill Products</b>	1,872,561	2,464,283	2,121,597	-13.9%	13.3%
<b>All Carbon and Alloy Products</b>	1,798,463	2,369,084	2,045,624	-13.7%	13.7%
<b>Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- C &amp; A</b>	431,358	586,766	600,301	2.3%	39.2%
<b>Sheets Hot Rolled -- C &amp; A</b>	172,978	167,320	233,357	39.5%	34.9%
<b>Oil Country Tubular Goods -- C &amp; A</b>	182,982	222,649	149,461	-32.9%	-18.3%
<b>Line Pipe -- C &amp; A</b>	125,113	211,125	158,385	-25.0%	26.6%
<b>Sheets &amp; Strip Galv Hot Dipped -- C &amp; A</b>	101,323	173,186	107,918	-37.7%	6.5%
<b>Plates in Coils -- C &amp; A</b>	72,955	123,541	83,319	-32.6%	14.2%
<b>Sheets Cold Rolled -- C &amp; A</b>	67,997	133,889	109,975	-17.9%	61.7%
<b>Bars-Reinforcing -- C &amp; A</b>	65,047	88,500	53,934	-39.1%	-17.1%
<b>Wire Rods -- C &amp; A</b>	61,561	64,945	49,545	-23.7%	-19.5%
<b>Standard Pipe -- C &amp; A</b>	47,349	67,005	59,327	-11.5%	25.3%
<b>All Stainless Products</b>	74,098	95,198	75,973	-20.2%	2.5%
<b>Sheets Cold Rolled -- S</b>	16,894	22,404	20,125	-10.2%	19.1%
<b>Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- S</b>	8,239	21,360	17,825	-16.5%	116.3%
<b>Stainless Pipe &amp; Tubing -- S</b>	10,761	9,650	8,962	-7.1%	-16.7%

\*\*December 2012 figures are PRELIMINARY; final December 2012 figures to be released 2/8/13

\*All numbers represent quantity in metric tons.

\* Please see the SIMA website for further data and graphs: [http://ia.ita.doc.gov/steel/license/smp/Census/gDESC52/MMT\\_ALL\\_wo\\_15M.htm](http://ia.ita.doc.gov/steel/license/smp/Census/gDESC52/MMT_ALL_wo_15M.htm)