

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Exhibit 2b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value In thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

| Commodity Grouping | February 2004 Cumulative To Date - Final | | February 2003 Cumulative To Date - Final | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|----------------|
| | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Total Selected Commodities | 120,114 | 282,644 | 117,111 | 228,079 |
| Ingots And Steel For Castings | 325 | 550 | 5,091 | 6,724 |
| Blooms, Billets And Slabs | 24,490 | 46,498 | 19,914 | 26,832 |
| Wire Rods | 3,784 | 7,690 | 5,574 | 8,933 |
| Structural Shapes Heavy | 330 | 861 | 186 | 502 |
| Plates Cut Lengths | 4,487 | 9,687 | 4,173 | 7,276 |
| Plates In Coils | 3,787 | 8,329 | 2,744 | 4,635 |
| Bars - Hot Rolled | 2,473 | 6,251 | 2,145 | 4,210 |
| Bars - Light Shaped | 1,823 | 3,868 | 1,837 | 3,956 |
| Bars - Cold Finished | 6,853 | 17,644 | 9,662 | 20,853 |
| Stainless Pipe & Tubing | 15,577 | 56,275 | 12,479 | 45,365 |
| Wire Drawn | 5,619 | 17,846 | 5,269 | 15,391 |
| Sheets Hot Rolled | 956 | 1,826 | 916 | 993 |
| Sheets Cold Rolled | 44,018 | 88,190 | 39,509 | 61,202 |
| Strip - Hot Rolled | 152 | 269 | 58 | 169 |
| Strip - Cold Rolled | 5,440 | 16,859 | 7,554 | 21,037 |

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html.