

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	May 2006 Cumulative To Date - Final		May 2005 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	394,227	1,277,540	393,145	1,311,726
Ingots And Steel For Castings	8,328	20,494	8,294	20,471
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	46,742	128,747	68,050	187,386
Wire Rods	10,651	28,555	18,210	49,784
Structural Shapes Heavy	949	3,333	784	3,250
Plates Cut Lengths	18,715	66,322	16,579	64,696
Plates In Coils	11,798	32,687	10,750	33,550
Bars - Hot Rolled	7,640	35,131	9,697	37,419
Bars - Light Shaped	3,458	9,512	3,730	11,675
Bars - Cold Finished	33,453	126,273	39,990	154,515
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	53,127	294,077	51,325	260,984
Wire Drawn	18,020	78,639	17,313	74,189
Sheets Hot Rolled	6,962	11,588	4,071	8,122
Sheets Cold Rolled	157,558	378,062	127,675	340,358
Strip - Hot Rolled	1,246	3,081	693	1,899
Strip - Cold Rolled	15,580	61,038	15,983	63,426

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.