

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 | October 2008 Cumulative To Date - Final | | October 2007 Cumulative To Date - Final | |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|
| | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Total Selected Commodities | 857,715 | 4,308,936 | 956,039 | 4,826,268 |
| Ingots And Steel For Castings | 16,691 | 66,396 | 14,556 | 62,829 |
| Blooms, Billets And Slabs | 88,842 | 407,522 | 93,848 | 474,165 |
| Wire Rods | 20,512 | 92,011 | 22,258 | 109,455 |
| Structural Shapes Heavy | 2,165 | 11,688 | 2,539 | 15,269 |
| Plates Cut Lengths | 52,631 | 262,488 | 74,417 | 433,884 |
| Plates In Coils | 22,333 | 108,931 | 43,484 | 246,930 |
| Bars - Hot Rolled | 28,358 | 165,146 | 24,464 | 135,140 |
| Bars - Light Shaped | 7,481 | 38,387 | 4,405 | 23,346 |
| Bars - Cold Finished | 69,758 | 415,500 | 71,659 | 409,700 |
| Oil Country Goods | 41,825 | 158,034 | 60,666 | 182,529 |
| Line Pipe > 16 Inches In Diameter | 111 | 674 | 63 | 284 |
| Line Pipe <= 16 Inches In Diameter | 2,884 | 17,558 | 23,630 | 27,011 |
| Line Pipe - Not Specified | 253 | 1,885 | 20,577 | 21,104 |
| Stainless Pipe & Tubing | 106,824 | 919,973 | 136,555 | 1,018,231 |
| Wire Drawn | 33,654 | 213,765 | 36,123 | 235,613 |
| Sheets Hot Rolled | 26,837 | 57,173 | 16,224 | 38,314 |
| Sheets Cold Rolled | 299,023 | 1,179,141 | 276,040 | 1,202,639 |
| Strip - Hot Rolled | 1,575 | 7,716 | 2,567 | 10,632 |
| Strip - Cold Rolled | 35,957 | 184,949 | 31,964 | 179,191 |

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.