

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	March 2005 Cumulative To Date - Final		March 2004 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	243,568	783,533	184,416	456,422
Ingots And Steel For Castings	5,772	13,701	594	939
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	38,941	104,121	32,442	63,850
Wire Rods	10,410	27,838	6,032	12,779
Structural Shapes Heavy	456	1,807	794	1,998
Plates Cut Lengths	9,797	34,950	7,610	17,224
Plates In Coils	6,719	20,154	6,483	15,683
Bars - Hot Rolled	5,524	21,107	4,728	13,233
Bars - Light Shaped	2,724	8,292	3,944	8,942
Bars - Cold Finished	22,620	87,796	12,095	31,499
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	29,340	143,972	24,673	93,672
Wire Drawn	9,974	41,130	8,974	29,670
Sheets Hot Rolled	2,390	4,556	1,385	2,595
Sheets Cold Rolled	89,166	235,546	65,589	136,026
Strip - Hot Rolled	214	493	197	346
Strip - Cold Rolled	9,523	38,069	8,876	27,966

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.