
STEEL IMPORT MONITORING AND ANALYSIS SYSTEM (SIMA) NEWSLETTER



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The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate changes to the license system, steel import monitoring and analysis system (SIMA), and other items of interest to make the program run smoothly.

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Welcome

We would like to congratulate the winners of the 1,000,000th license contest. Also, we would like to highlight the addition of export coverage and certain downstream products in a separate section of the monitor. As always we are happy to take comments from interested parties on these additions.

Best Regards,

The Steel Licensing Team

Export and Downstream Product Coverage

As part of SIMA's expansion, we are adding monitors of Steel Mill Product exports and selected Downstream Steel Product exports and imports to the monitor. The Steel Mill Product export tables can currently be access from our website by selecting this link: [**Steel Mill Exports \(Census Data\)**](#). This monitor includes quantity, value and pricing data for the same product groups covered in the import monitor. While the table opens up to a monthly summary of the exports, annual data is also accessible through the link at the bottom of the monthly tables' pages.

The Downstream Steel Product tables, also available from this link: [**Imports**](#) and [**Exports**](#), show monthly and annual import and export data for steel products such as springs, cold-formed shapes, fitting, flanges, and wire products such as nails, staples, hangers, wire rope, strand, cable, cloth, grill, netting, fencing and barbed wire.

Recent Notable Changes Addition to SIMA

We have also added a section to the monitor which details large shifts in import levels by country and product. We utilize a program that picks these country and product combinations according to large shifts up or down from the most current three month period in comparison to the previous nine month's average levels. This addition can be viewed with this link: [**Recent Notable Changes from SIMA**](#)

1,000,000th License Winner: Ms. Laura Camacho

We would like to congratulate the Grand Prize Winner of our 1,000,000th license contest, Ms. Laura Camacho an employee of AF Romero for nearly two years. She is also a student; working during the day and studying in the evening. She has handled her current account for 6 months and submits six to eight licenses a day on behalf of her clients. The grand prize is a handsome official Department of Commerce wall clock.

The runner up was Scott Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman is a licensed Customs Broker and has been Trans American Customs Brokers' Steel Specialist for the past 15 years. Trans American is a national broker specializing in service to high volume importers at all of the major ports of entry in the U.S. Scott would like to recognize his team, especially Ms. Barbara Bisson for her dedication and high quality work in processing in excess of 100 Steel Import Licenses per day. We also had another runner up who declined to be featured in this newsletter.

Farewell from Mike Quigley

My final day working as a member of the Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) team was February 3rd. I would like to take a bit of space to thank all of the brokers, analysts and interested parties who I have learned from in the past three years. I enjoyed learning from and working with my colleagues here, especially. This experience will prove invaluable to me in my next job in the Department of Commerce, as well, and I wish everyone an early spring!

Peter's Troubleshooting Tips

- Please contact us first if you are having trouble accessing our site. In instances where the system has gone down we are usually able to get the site running within the same business day, so we ask that you remain patient. If we are not able to solve the problem and you need a license you may refer to our webpage for the PDF form to obtain a temporary license from us.
- We can now edit your templates so if you have changes that need to be made please contact us.
- Please remember when filling out licenses to use 2006, not 2005 anymore.
- We have updated the Frequently Asked Questions section of our website. If you are experiencing problems you may want to consult this section before contacting us.

If you still experience problems, please do not hesitate to call or email the SIMA team for help. Also, if you have ideas on how to better the system, please do not hesitate to contact us with suggestions. ❖

**We encourage you to contact us with your ideas
and suggestions.**

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