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Imports of Brass Mill Products Rise, Exports Fall, in November 2010

U.S. imports of brass mill products rose in November 2010 compared with the corresponding 2009 period, while exports fell.

Imports of brass mill products in November 2010 totaled 44,493,083 pounds compared to 34,074,708 in November 2009, an increase of 30.6 percent. Exports totaled 17,426,658 pounds in November 2010, down from 18,757,603 in November 2009, a 7.1 percent decrease.

For 2010 YTD through November, imports of brass mill products totaled 458,607,938 pounds compared to 390,213,763 pounds in the comparable 2009 period, an increase of 17.5 percent. Exports 2010 YTD through November totaled 212,691,047 pounds compared to 201,456,064 pounds in the comparable 2009 period, an increase of 5.5 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in November at 5,950,114 pounds followed by Mexico at 5,159,906 pounds, China at 1,344,131 pounds, Germany at 542,010 pounds and Thailand at 408,305 pounds.

Imports from Germany in November 2010 totaled 7,441,524 pounds, followed by Mexico at 6,649,973 pounds, South Korea at 4,169,741 pounds, Canada at 4,100,799 pounds and China at 3,069,323 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,872,366 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,395,443 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 16,844,508 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,967,819 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 11,713,496 pounds while exports totaled 3,736,460 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,062,712 pounds while exports totaled 2,326,935 pounds.

Brass mill products are widely used in building construction, automotive products and in electronic and electrical applications.

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