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Imports and Exports of Copper and Brass Mill Products Increased in December 2016

U.S. imports and exports increased in December 2016 compared with the corresponding 2015 period.

Imports of copper and brass mill products in December 2016 totaled 35,436,253 pounds compared to 33,349,348 in December 2015, an increase of 6.3 percent. Exports totaled 17,533,872 pounds in December 2016, up from 16,599,163 in December 2015, a 5.6 percent increase.

For YTD 2016 through December, imports of brass mill products totaled 456,389,982 pounds compared to 484,824,885 pounds through December 2015 YTD, a decrease of 6 percent. Exports YTD 2016 totaled 241,047,265 pounds compared to 244,102,732 pounds in the same 2015 period, a decrease of 1.2 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in December at 7,150,144 pounds followed by Canada at 4,373,596 pounds, China at 1,592,555 pounds, South Korea at 878,467 pounds, and Germany at 482,245 pounds.

Imports from Germany in December 2016 totaled 9,765,035 pounds, followed by South Korea at 3,124,348 pounds, Mexico at 3,056,312 pounds, Vietnam at 2,984,665 pounds, and Canada at 2,656,442 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,539,851 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,278,873 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 11,982,812 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 2,666,613 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 7,169,585 pounds while exports totaled 5,482,522 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,744,006 pounds while exports totaled 2,105,863 pounds.

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

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