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### **Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Finished the Year Strong**

U.S. imports and exports of brass mill products increased in December 2017 compared with the corresponding 2016 period.

Imports of brass mill products in December 2017 totaled 36,940,106 pounds compared to 35,436,253 in December 2016, an increase of 4.2 percent. Exports totaled 18,899,990 pounds in December 2017, up from 17,533,872 in December 2016, a 8 percent increase.

For YTD 2017 through December, imports of brass mill products totaled 489,657,604 pounds compared to 456,389,982 pounds through December 2016 YTD, an increase of 7.2 percent. Exports YTD 2017 totaled 262,682,969 pounds compared to 241,047,265 pounds in the same 2016 period, an increase of 9 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in December at 6,985,332 pounds followed by Canada at 4,755,642 pounds, South Korea at 1,378,420 pounds, China at 1,060,254 pounds, and Japan at 569,417 pounds.

Imports from Germany in December 2017 totaled 9,047,537 pounds, followed by South Korea at 4,329,479 pounds, Mexico at 2,958,359 pounds, Vietnam at 2,746,034 pounds, and Canada at 2,329,407 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,065,463 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,280,416 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 11,842,416 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 2,988,560 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 8,674,731 pounds while exports totaled 5,963,511 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,357,496 pounds while exports totaled 1,667,502 pounds.

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

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