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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Rise in December 2010

U.S. imports and exports of brass mill products rose in December 2010 compared with the corresponding 2009 period.

Imports of brass mill products in December 2010 totaled 39,968,404 pounds compared to 36,436,449 in December 2009, an increase of 9.7 percent. Exports totaled 16,299,715 pounds in December 2010, up from 14,438,959 in December 2009, a 12.9 percent increase.

For 2010 YTD through December, imports of brass mill products totaled 498,576,342 pounds compared to 426,650,213 pounds in the comparable 2009 period, an increase of 16.8 percent. Exports 2010 YTD through December totaled 228,990,761 pounds compared to 215,895,023 pounds in the comparable 2009 period, an increase of 6.1 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in December at 5,864,855 pounds followed by Canada at 4,636,309 pounds, China at 1,425,587 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 368,783 pounds and South Korea at 359,612 pounds.

Imports from Germany in December 2010 totaled 7,115,243 pounds, followed by South Korea at 4,885,742 pounds, Mexico at 4,302,067 pounds, China at 3,712,381 pounds and Malaysia at 3,354,184 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,212,898 pounds while exports of those products totaled 6,469,015 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 14,626,238 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,959,576 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 10,007,171 pounds while exports totaled 3,106,019 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,122,097 pounds while exports totaled 1,765,104 pounds.

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

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