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Imports of Brass Mill Products Rise While Exports Fall in March 2010

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

Imports of brass mill products in March 2010 totaled 34,333,993 pounds compared to 33,379,939 in March 2009, an increase of 2.8 percent. Exports totaled 18,944,194 pounds in March 2010, down from 19,247,613 in March 2009, a 1.6 percent decrease.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in March at 7,103,816 pounds followed by Mexico at 5,293,439 pounds, China at 1,873,696 pounds, South Korea at 493,352 pounds and Thailand at 304,462 pounds.

Imports from China in March 2010 totaled 7,677,586 pounds, followed by Mexico at 7,323,256 pounds, Germany at 5,545,590 pounds, Canada at 2,455,095 pounds and South Korea at 2,077,635 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 9,695,458 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,208,535 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 15,627,675 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,679,606 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 6,696,279 pounds while exports totaled 4,854,000 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,314,581 pounds while exports totaled 2,202,054 pounds.

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

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