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### **Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Rose in February 2016**

U.S. imports and exports of brass mill products rose in February 2016 compared with the corresponding 2015 period.

Imports of brass mill products in February 2016 totaled 34,296,277 pounds compared to 34,053,980 in February 2015, an increase of 1 percent. Exports totaled 37,184,001<sup>1</sup> pounds in February 2016, up from 20,802,520 in February 2015, a 79 percent increase.

For YTD 2016 through February, imports of brass mill products totaled 67,827,872 pounds compared to 74,170,004 pounds through February 2015 YTD, a decrease of 9 percent. Exports YTD 2016 totaled 55,059,989<sup>1</sup> pounds compared to 41,059,169 pounds in the same 2015 period, an increase of 34 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in February at 25,254,540<sup>1</sup> pounds followed by Canada at 4,982,508 pounds, China at 990,593 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 843,771 pounds, and Germany at 594,466 pounds.

Imports from Germany in February 2016 totaled 7,444,895 pounds, followed by Mexico at 4,593,716 pounds, South Korea at 4,167,373 pounds, Canada at 3,750,631 pounds, and Vietnam at 2,736,901 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 10,602,845 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,842,957 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 14,147,430 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,433,900 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 6,844,242 pounds while exports totaled 23,330,351 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,701,759 pounds while exports totaled 2,576,792 pounds.

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

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<sup>1</sup> It is likely that these figures contain approximately 17 million pounds of products other than brass mill products and have been included in February U.S. Government data due to misclassification. A formal inquiry is being initiated.