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### **Imports of Brass Mill Products Decreased while Exports Rose in March 2016**

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

Imports of brass mill products in March 2016 totaled 40,125,111 pounds compared to 48,153,091 in March 2015, an decrease of 17 percent. Exports totaled 39,303,212<sup>1</sup> pounds in March 2016, up from 22,755,337 in March 2015, a 73 percent increase.

For YTD 2016 through March, imports of brass mill products totaled 107,952,983 pounds compared to 122,323,095 pounds through March 2015 YTD, a decrease of 12 percent. Exports YTD 2016 totaled 94,363,201<sup>1</sup> pounds compared to 63,814,506 pounds in the same 2015 period, an increase of 32 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in March at 26,480,425<sup>1</sup> pounds followed by Canada at 5,640,996 pounds, China at 922,310 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 849,584 pounds, and United Arab Emirates at 558,002 pounds.

Imports from Germany in March 2016 totaled 10,788,184 pounds, followed by Mexico at 5,042,676 pounds, South Korea at 4,753,887 pounds, Canada at 3,729,656 pounds, and Peru at 2,317,711 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 14,563,722 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,091,449 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 14,147,430 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,250,081 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 8,304,506 pounds while exports totaled 24,717,572<sup>1</sup> pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,000,350 pounds while exports totaled 2,244,111 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> As with February's data, it is likely that these figures contain approximately 17.5 million pounds of products other than brass mill products and have been included in March U. S. government data due to misclassification. A formal inquiry has been initiated.