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Imports of Brass Mill Products Rose While Exports Decreased in May 2018

U.S. imports of brass mill products rose in May 2018 compared with the corresponding 2017 period, yet U.S. exports of brass mill products decreased.

Imports of brass mill products in May 2018 totaled 47,990,443 pounds compared to 46,372,079 in May 2017, an increase of 3.5 percent. Exports totaled 24,020,409 pounds in May 2018, down from 25,652,831 in May 2017, a decrease of 6.4 percent.

For YTD 2018 through May, imports of brass mill products totaled 210,786,259 pounds compared to 201,595,727 pounds through May 2017 YTD, an increase of 5 percent. Exports YTD 2018 totaled 110,673,347 pounds compared to 111,097,783 pounds in the same 2017 period, a small decrease of 0.04 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in May at 8,920,890 pounds followed by Canada at 7,696,168 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 1,182,719 pounds, China at 986,825 pounds, and Germany at 779,555 pounds.

Imports from Germany in May 2018 totaled 11,653,423 pounds, followed by South Korea at 5,747,044 pounds, Mexico at 4,921,778 pounds, Vietnam at 4,108,277 pounds, and Canada at 2,761,612 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 16,764,136 pounds while exports of those products totaled 9,923,171 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 16,948,698 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,853,239 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 10,555,274 pounds while exports totaled 7,748,552 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,722,335 pounds while exports totaled 1,495,446 pounds.

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

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