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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Rise in May 2011

U.S. imports and exports of brass mill products rose in May 2011 compared with the corresponding 2010 period.

Imports of brass mill products in May 2011 totaled 43,863,445 pounds compared to 39,295,877 in May 2010, an increase of 11.6 percent. Exports totaled 20,988,848 pounds in May 2011, up from 19,784,365, in May 2010, a 6.1 percent increase.

For YTD 2011 through May, imports of brass mill products totaled 199,831,849 pounds compared to 201,608,562 pounds through May 2010 YTD, a decrease of 0.9 percent. Exports YTD 2011 totaled 99,278,347 compared to 98,317,175 in the same 2010 period, an increase of 1 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in May at 7,448,993 pounds followed by Mexico at 7,048,104 pounds, China at 1,107,470 pounds, Hong Kong at 630,476 pounds and Thailand at 476,784 pounds.

Imports from Germany in May 2011 totaled 8,493,356 pounds, followed by South Korea at 5,808,616 pounds, China at 5,219,523 pounds, Mexico at 4,596,756 pounds and Canada at 3,491,848 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,568,244 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,392,434 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 16,573,314 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 6,658,544 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 10,942,590 pounds while exports totaled 4,840,818 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,779,297 pounds while exports totaled 2,097,051 pounds.

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

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