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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Decreased in June 2016

U.S. imports and exports declined in June 2016 compared with the corresponding 2015 period.

Imports of brass mill products in June 2016 totaled 40,920,760 pounds compared to 44,115,922 in June 2015, a decrease of 7.2 percent. Exports totaled 21,020,585 pounds in June 2016, down from 21,928,746 in June 2015, a 4.1 percent decrease.

For YTD 2016 through June, imports of brass mill products totaled 231,272,924 pounds compared to 261,342,270 pounds through June 2015 YTD, a decrease of 12 percent. Exports YTD 2016 totaled 168,695,026¹ pounds compared to 129,077,840 pounds in the same 2015 period, an increase of 31 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in June at 8,200,023 pounds followed by Canada at 5,243,679 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 1,111,165 pounds, China at 937,153 pounds, and Germany at 718,825 pounds.

Imports from Germany in June 2016 totaled 9,583,645 pounds, followed by South Korea at 4,948,253 pounds, Mexico at 4,856,641 pounds, Canada at 3,544,155 pounds, and Vietnam at 2,862,071 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,910,966 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,270,475 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 15,134,823 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,614,375 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 8,326,009 pounds while exports totaled 7,014,817 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,548,961 pounds while exports totaled 2,120,918 pounds.

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

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¹ As reported in earlier releases, export data for February, March and April are suspected to contain a combined approximately 45 million pounds of product misclassified by importers or brokers as copper rod and bar. A formal inquiry has been initiated and it is expected that this error will be removed from the YTD data soon.