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**Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Rise in July 2011**

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

Imports of brass mill products in July 2011 totaled 43,500,945 pounds compared to 43,225,901 in July 2010, an increase of 0.6 percent. Exports totaled 20,405,284 pounds in July 2011, up from 18,556,835 in July 2010, a 10.0 percent increase.

For YTD 2011 through July, imports of brass mill products totaled 288,961,847 pounds compared to 286,533,564 pounds through July 2010 YTD, an increase of 0.8 percent. Exports YTD 2011 totaled 140,861,614 compared to 137,464,731 in the same 2010 period, an increase of 2.5 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in July at 6,963,599 pounds followed by Canada at 6,936,020 pounds, China at 1,065,684 pounds, Malaysia at 717,483 pounds and Thailand at 466,526 pounds.

Imports from Germany in July 2011 totaled 8,361,680 pounds, followed by South Korea at 5,863,215 pounds, China at 5,499,101 pounds, Mexico at 3,908,802 pounds and Canada at 3,187,741 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,527,889 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,641,241 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 16,368,727 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 5,689,724 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 11,711,582 pounds while exports totaled 4,142,637 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,892,746 pounds while exports totaled 1,931,682 pounds.

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

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