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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Decreased in July 2016

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

Imports of brass mill products in July 2016 totaled 42,291,382 pounds compared to 43,642,140 in July 2015, a decrease of 3.1 percent. Exports totaled 18,709,834 pounds in July 2016, down from 20,616,033 in July 2015, a 9.2 percent decrease.

For YTD 2016 through July, imports of brass mill products totaled 273,564,306 pounds compared to 304,984,410 pounds through July 2015 YTD, a decrease of 10.3 percent. Exports YTD 2016 totaled 187,404,860¹ pounds compared to 149,693,872 pounds in the same 2015 period, an increase of 25 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in July at 7,578,383 pounds followed by Canada at 5,047,899, pounds, China at 879,499 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 506,423 pounds, and Germany at 423,263 pounds.

Imports from Germany in July 2016 totaled 9,709,751 pounds, followed by Canada at 4,136,861 pounds, South Korea at 4,124,743 pounds, Mexico at 3,979,596 pounds, and Vietnam at 2,932,028 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,896,088 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,315,057 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 15,510,871 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,393,569 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 9,458,042 pounds while exports totaled 6,332,032 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,426,381 pounds while exports totaled 1,669,175 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.