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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Imports of Brass Mill Products Rise, Exports Fall, in September 2010**

U.S. imports of brass mill products rose in September 2010 compared with the corresponding 2009 period, while exports fell.

Imports of brass mill products in September 2010 totaled 40,927,211 pounds compared to 37,048,784 in September 2009, an increase of 10.4 percent. Exports totaled 18,015,067 pounds in September 2010, down from 19,708,350 in September 2009, an 8.6 percent decrease.

For 2010 YTD through September, imports of brass mill products totaled 371,303,084 pounds compared to 321,273,792 pounds in the comparable 2009 period, an increase of 15.5 percent. Exports 2010 YTD through September totaled 175,822,897 pounds compared to 162,875,868 pounds in the comparable 2009 period, an increase of 7.9 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in September at 7,116,438 pounds followed by Mexico at 5,469,306 pounds, China at 978,970 pounds, Hong Kong at 518,674 pounds and Thailand at 465,210 pounds.

Imports from Germany in September 2010 totaled 8,247,669 pounds, followed by Mexico at 4,734,692 pounds, China at 4,414,923 pounds, Canada at 3,867,140 pounds and South Korea at 3,576,851 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,377,440 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,643,866 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 16,658,619 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,294,577 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 9,100,738 pounds while exports totaled 4,152,695 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,790,413 pounds while exports totaled 1,923,930 pounds.

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

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