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### **Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Increased in August 2016**

U.S. imports and exports increased in August 2016 compared with the corresponding 2015 period.

Imports of brass mill products in August 2016 totaled 40,238,130 pounds compared to 38,136,494 in August 2015, an increase of 5.5 percent. Exports totaled 20,864,385 pounds in August 2016, up from 19,892,716 in August 2015, a 5 percent increase.

For YTD 2016 through August, imports of brass mill products totaled 313,802,436 pounds compared to 343,120,904 pounds through August 2015 YTD, a decrease of 8.5 percent. Exports YTD 2016 totaled 208,269,245<sup>1</sup> pounds compared to 169,586,589 pounds in the same 2015 period, an increase of 23 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in August at 8,804,026 pounds followed by Canada at 5,638,677 pounds, China at 1,177,532 pounds, Germany at 724,332 pounds, and Japan at 490,781 pounds.

Imports from Germany in August 2016 totaled 9,650,299 pounds, followed by Mexico at 4,779,207 pounds, Canada at 3,858,434 pounds, South Korea at 3,645,134 pounds, and Vietnam at 3,006,660 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,374,146 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,204,203 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 15,639,108 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,409,909 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 7,950,815 pounds while exports totaled 6,163,544 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,274,060 pounds while exports totaled 2,086,729 pounds.

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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 exporters 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.