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### **Imports of Brass Mill Products Increased While Exports Decreased in August 2018**

U.S. imports of brass mill products increased in August 2018 compared with the corresponding 2017 period, yet U.S. exports of brass mill products decreased.

Imports of brass mill products in August 2018 totaled 47,188,918 pounds compared to 42,494,714 in August 2017, an increase of 11 percent. Exports totaled 22,531,435 pounds in August 2018, down from 22,832,906 in August 2017, a decrease of 1.3 percent.

For YTD 2018 through August, imports of brass mill products totaled 353,768,507 pounds compared to 332,080,234 pounds through August 2017 YTD, an increase of 6.5 percent. Exports YTD 2018 totaled 175,211,006 pounds compared to 179,270,376 pounds in the same 2017 period, a decrease of 2.3 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in August at 8,576,862 pounds followed by Canada at 8,029,160 pounds, China at 829,712 pounds, South Korea at 648,754 pounds, and Germany at 500,898 pounds.

Imports from Germany in August 2018 totaled 12,356,933 pounds, followed by Mexico at 4,464,749 pounds, Vietnam at 3,521,657 pounds, South Korea at 3,495,144 pounds, and Brazil at 2,838,109 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 18,437,996 pounds while exports of those products totaled 9,438,935 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 14,965,559 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,381,784 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 10,313,983 pounds while exports totaled 7,435,379 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,471,381 pounds while exports totaled 1,275,337 pounds.

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

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