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Imports of Brass Mill Products Rise, Exports Fall, in October 2010

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

Imports of brass mill products in October 2010 totaled 42,811,771 pounds compared to 34,865,264 in October 2009, an increase of 22.7 percent. Exports totaled 19,441,492 pounds in October 2010, down from 19,822,593 in October 2009, a 1.9 percent decrease.

For 2010 YTD through October, imports of brass mill products totaled 414,114,855 pounds compared to 356,139,056 pounds in the comparable 2009 period, an increase of 16.2 percent. Exports 2010 YTD through October totaled 195,264,389 pounds compared to 182,698,460 pounds in the comparable 2009 period, an increase of 6.9 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in October at 7,079,661 pounds followed by Mexico at 4,902,226 pounds, China at 1,612,619 pounds, Thailand at 631,688 pounds and Taiwan at 439,864 pounds.

Imports from Germany in October 2010 totaled 8,676,779 pounds, followed by Mexico at 4,960,487 pounds, Canada at 4,067,271 pounds, South Korea at 4,033,097 pounds and China at 3,682,967 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 14,579,317 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,098,040 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 13,684,322 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,953,042 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 11,395,090 pounds while exports totaled 4,112,401 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,153,041 pounds while exports totaled 2,278,009 pounds.

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

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