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Imports Decreased While Exports of Brass Mill Products Increased in September 2016

U.S. imports decreased while exports increased in September 2016 compared with the corresponding 2015 period.

Imports of brass mill products in September 2016 totaled 32,328,208 pounds compared to 37,818,052 in September 2015, a decrease of 15 percent. Exports totaled 20,504,295 pounds in September 2016, up from 18,920,700 in September 2015, an 8.4 percent increase.

For YTD 2016 through September, imports of brass mill products totaled 346,130,644 pounds compared to 380,938,956 pounds through September 2015 YTD, a decrease of 9.1 percent. Exports YTD 2016 totaled 181,129,054¹ pounds compared to 188,507,288 pounds in the same 2015 period, a decrease of 4 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in September at 8,269,825 pounds followed by Canada at 5,270,592 pounds, Peru at 1,356,085 pounds, China at 894,735 pounds, and Germany at 515,788 pounds.

Imports from Germany in September 2016 totaled 8,603,822 pounds, followed by Mexico at 3,768,883 pounds, Canada at 3,617,314 pounds, South Korea at 2,554,106 pounds, and Vietnam at 2,242,543 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,066,082 pounds while exports of those products totaled 9,717,526 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 11,749,784 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,366,495 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 5,732,826 pounds while exports totaled 5,964,946 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,779,516 pounds while exports totaled 1,455,327 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 were suspected to contain a combined approximately 45 million pounds of product misclassified by exporters or brokers as copper rod and bar. After a formal inquiry by the Census Bureau, the total misclassified items is 47,644,486 pounds and will be officially corrected by Census in the summer of 2017 in an errata. Meanwhile, we have deducted this amount from the YTD 2016 exports in this release.