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

U.S. imports of brass mill products increased in October 2018 compared with the corresponding 2017 period, yet U.S. exports of brass mill products continue to decrease.

Imports of brass mill products in October 2018 totaled 48,653,500 pounds compared to 41,224,111 in October 2017, an increase of 18 percent. Exports totaled 20,652,424 pounds in October 2018, down from 22,448,123 in October 2017, a decrease of 8 percent.

For YTD 2018 through October, imports of brass mill products totaled 443,581,858 pounds compared to 414,212,757 pounds through October 2017 YTD, an increase of 7 percent. Exports YTD 2018 totaled 213,969,331 pounds compared to 222,965,883 pounds in the same 2017 period, a decrease of 4 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in October at 8,650,758 pounds followed by Canada at 5,567,982 pounds, China at 1,224,697 pounds, South Korea at 784,009 pounds, and Germany at 568,818 pounds.

Imports from Germany in October 2018 totaled 12,212,756 pounds, followed by South Korea at 4,587,321 pounds, Vietnam at 4,051,832 pounds, Mexico at 3,280,240 pounds, and Canada at 3,250,947 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 18,547,992 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,451,050 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 15,320,288 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,836,107 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 11,286,884 pounds while exports totaled 7,006,902 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,498,336 pounds while exports totaled 1,358,364 pounds.

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

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