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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Increased in October 2016

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

Imports of brass mill products in October 2016 totaled 38,601,624 pounds compared to 36,759,644 in October 2015, an increase of 5 percent. Exports totaled 22,407,239 pounds in October 2016, up from 20,286,531 in October 2015, an 10.5 percent increase.

For YTD 2016 through October, imports of brass mill products totaled 384,732,268 pounds compared to 417,698,600 pounds through October 2015 YTD, a decrease of 8 percent. Exports YTD 2016 totaled 203,536,293¹ pounds compared to 208,793,819 pounds in the same 2015 period, a decrease of 3 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in October at 8,772,390 pounds followed by Canada at 5,705,992 pounds, South Korea at 2,540,215 pounds, China at 1,116,478 pounds, and Saudi Arabia at 633,908 pounds.

Imports from Germany in October 2016 totaled 10,687,376 pounds, followed by Canada at 3,926,474 pounds, Mexico at 3,864,931 pounds, South Korea at 3,308,267 pounds, and Peru at 2,153,852 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 15,075,467 pounds while exports of those products totaled 9,637,925 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 13,200,733 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,830,457 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 7,124,643 pounds while exports totaled 7,314,698 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,200,782 pounds while exports totaled 1,624,160 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.