



March 15, 2012

**Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Rise in January 2012**

U.S. imports and exports of brass mill products rose in January 2012 compared with the corresponding 2011 period.

Imports of brass mill products in January 2012 totaled 40,004,707 pounds compared to 37,088,491 in January 2011, an increase of 7.9 percent. Exports totaled 18,799,156 pounds in January 2012, up from 17,687,288 in January 2011, a 6.3 percent increase.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in January at 6,822,554 pounds followed by Canada at 6,432,816 pounds, China at 985,551 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 572,662 pounds and Hong Kong at 510,429 pounds.

Imports from Germany in January 2012 totaled 6,821,202 pounds, followed by South Korea at 4,929,852 pounds, Canada at 4,310,416 pounds, China at 3,735,013 pounds and Mexico at 3,692,610 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 11,089,037 pounds while exports of those products totaled 6,700,710 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 13,440,229 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,919,432 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 12,693,319 pounds while exports totaled 4,727,110 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,782,121 pounds while exports totaled 2,451,903 pounds.

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

**Contact: John E. Arnett -- (202) 342-8506 -- E-mail: [JArnett@kelleydrye.com](mailto:JArnett@kelleydrye.com)**