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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Increased in October 2013

U.S. imports and exports of brass mill products increased in October 2013 compared with the corresponding 2012 period.

Imports of brass mill products in October 2013 totaled 41,828,484 pounds compared to 38,831,269 in October 2012, an increase of 7.7 percent. Exports totaled 22,220,366 pounds in October 2013, up from 20,095,908 in October 2012, a 10.6 percent increase.

For 2013 through October, imports of brass mill products totaled 417,591,145 pounds compared to 413,525,030 pounds for October 2012 YTD, an increase of 1.0 percent. Exports for October 2013 YTD totaled 207,600,544 pounds compared to 203,660,860 pounds for October 2012 YTD, an increase of 1.9 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in October at 8,045,505 pounds followed by Canada at 6,145,944 pounds, South Korea at 2,344,288 pounds, China at 1,129,084 pounds and Hong Kong at 868,485 pounds.

Imports from Germany in October 2013 totaled 9,629,494 pounds, followed by South Korea at 5,777,525 pounds, Canada at 3,963,346 pounds, Mexico at 4,996,567 pounds and China at 2,761,700 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,419,202 pounds while exports of those products totaled 10,529,871 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 13,591,553 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,926,532 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 11,795,470 pounds while exports totaled 5,777,066 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,022,260 pounds while exports totaled 1,986,898 pounds.

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

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