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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Increased in December 2013

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

Imports of brass mill products in December 2013 totaled 39,375,221 pounds compared to 37,194,860 in December 2012, an increase of 5.9 percent. Exports totaled 19,269,661 pounds in December 2013, up from 17,752,200 in December 2012, an 8.6 percent increase.

For 2013 through December, imports of brass mill products totaled 491,867,713 pounds compared to 488,348,814 pounds for December 2012 YTD, an increase of 0.7 percent. Exports for December 2013 YTD totaled 260,955,416 pounds compared to 255,473,922 pounds for December 2012 YTD, an increase of 2.1 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in December at 5,937,471 pounds followed by Canada at 4,535,585 pounds, South Korea at 2,334,493 pounds, China at 1,176,066 pounds and Hong Kong at 829,199 pounds.

Imports from Germany in December 2013 totaled 8,509,207 pounds, followed by South Korea at 6,033,968 pounds, Mexico at 4,870,989 pounds, Canada at 3,108,358 pounds and China at 3,060,516 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,670,811 pounds while exports of those products totaled 9,079,467 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 12,742,747 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,069,359 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 11,068,635 pounds while exports totaled 5,354,288 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,893,028 pounds while exports totaled 1,766,548 pounds.

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

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