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### **Imports Rise While Exports of Brass Mill Products Fall in August 2014**

U.S. imports of brass mill products rose in August 2014, while exports fell compared with the corresponding 2013 period.

Imports of brass mill products in August 2014 totaled 44,747,783 pounds compared to 43,062,432 in August 2013, an increase of 3.9 percent. Exports totaled 21,367,728 pounds in August 2014, compared to 23,067,678 in August 2013, a 7.3 percent decrease.

For YTD 2014 through August, imports of brass mill products totaled 361,641,224 pounds compared to 334,270,376 pounds through August 2013 YTD, an increase of 8.2 percent. Exports YTD 2014 totaled 173,542,737 compared to 178,338,156 in the same 2013 period, a decrease of 2.7 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in August at 7,998,930 pounds followed by Canada at 5,387,937 pounds, South Korea at 1,498,533 pounds, China at 779,234 pounds, and Hong Kong at 777,479 pounds.

Imports from Germany in August 2014 totaled 11,231,227 pounds, followed by South Korea at 6,375,855 pounds, Mexico at 4,771,575 pounds, China at 4,161,712 pounds, and Canada at 4,017,066.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 14,435,031 pounds while exports of those products totaled 9,614,428 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 16,477,813 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,675,280 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 10,871,011 pounds while exports totaled 6,422,370 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,963,928 pounds while exports totaled 1,655,650 pounds.

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

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