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April Monthly Steel Factsheet

The preliminary data released show that overall steel imports in April 2012 decreased 2.3 percent from March 2012. This change in the April total volume of steel imports resulted from decreases in several categories, including carbon and alloy line pipe (-33.2%), cold-rolled sheets (-30.7%), standard pipe (-26.2%), and blooms, billets and slabs (-22.4%). April increases included carbon and alloy plates in coils (157.1%), wire rods (57.2%), and hot-rolled sheets (56.9%). April 2012 imports of steel mill products were up 17.6 percent compared to April 2011, with notable increases in carbon and alloy plates in coils (97.9%) and wire rods (89%).

Preliminary Census Steel Import Statistic Comparisons

	Apr-11	Mar-12	Apr-12	% Change	% Change
				Mar 12 - Apr 12	Apr 11 - Apr 12
All Steel Mill Products	2,312,441	2,782,067	2,718,455	-2.3%	17.6%
All Carbon and Alloy Products	2,226,200	2,688,175	2,625,503	-2.3%	17.9%
Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- C & A	544,915	756,864	587,343	-22.4%	7.8%
Sheets Hot Rolled -- C & A	224,279	170,823	268,049	56.9%	19.5%
Oil Country Tubular Goods -- C & A	189,630	311,616	249,722	-19.9%	31.7%
Line Pipe -- C & A	186,628	252,343	168,578	-33.2%	-9.7%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped -- C & A	139,652	125,436	184,811	47.3%	32.3%
Plates in Coils -- C & A	94,144	72,480	186,350	157.1%	97.9%
Sheets Cold Rolled -- C & A	92,511	100,166	69,415	-30.7%	-25.0%
Bars-Reinforcing -- C & A	85,931	98,276	96,246	-2.1%	12.0%
Wire Rods -- C & A	74,404	89,460	140,605	57.2%	89.0%
Standard Pipe -- C & A	64,487	82,637	60,998	-26.2%	-5.4%
All Stainless Products	86,241	93,892	92,951	-1.0%	7.8%
Sheets Cold Rolled -- S	23,716	22,416	22,813	1.8%	-3.8%
Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- S	10,274	11,389	9,291	-18.4%	-9.6%
Stainless Pipe & Tubing -- S	10,059	11,177	9,033	-19.2%	-10.2%
**April 2012 figures are PRELIMINARY; final April 2012 figures to be released 6/08/12					
*All numbers represent quantity in metric tons.					

* Please see the SIMA website for further data and graphs: http://ia.ita.doc.gov/steel/license/smp/Census/gDESC52/MMT_ALL_wo_15M.htm