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December Monthly Steel Fact Sheet

The preliminary data released show that overall steel imports in December 2009 increased 1.4 percent from November 2009. This change in the December total volume of steel imports resulted from increases in several categories including carbon and alloy wire rods (53.7%), reinforcing bars (167.7%), and oil country goods (34%). The only significant decreases were carbon and alloy hot rolled sheets (-21.2%) and blooms, billets and slabs (-24.8%). December 2009 imports of steel mill products were down 32.5 percent compared to December 2008.

Preliminary Census Steel Import Statistic Comparisons

	Dec-08	Nov-09	Dec-09	% Change Nov 09- Dec 09	% Change Dec 08- Dec 09
All Steel Mill Products	1,874,759	1,249,178	1,266,392	1.4%	-32.5%
All Carbon and Alloy Products	1,814,790	1,196,681	1,211,055	1.2%	-33.3%
Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- C & A	186,097	323,768	243,546	-24.8%	30.9%
Sheets Hot Rolled -- C & A	137,436	179,153	141,203	-21.2%	2.7%
Line Pipe -- C & A	205,688	101,099	91,334	-9.7%	-55.6%
Wire Rods -- C & A	93,443	58,359	89,690	53.7%	-4.0%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped -- C & A	112,357	67,158	72,846	8.5%	-35.2%
Sheets Cold Rolled -- C & A	57,995	71,754	80,622	12.4%	39.0%
Plates in Coils -- C & A	47,867	35,568	34,768	-2.2%	-27.4%
Oil Country Goods -- C & A	417,652	37,619	50,405	34.0%	-87.9%
Standard Pipe -- C & A	92,532	35,498	43,103	21.4%	-53.4%
Bars-Reinforcing -- C & A	12,448	7,327	19,615	167.7%	57.6%
All Stainless Products	59,968	52,497	55,336	5.4%	-7.7%
Sheets Cold Rolled -- S	11,992	16,065	17,304	7.7%	44.3%
Stainless Pipe & Tubing -- S	9,568	6,271	6,950	10.8%	-27.4%
Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- S	7,728	4,213	6,734	59.8%	-12.9%

**December 2009 figures are PRELIMINARY; final December 2009 figures to be released 02/10/10

*All numbers represent quantity in metric tons.

* Please see the SIMA website for further data and graphs: <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/steel/license/index.html>