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December Monthly Steel Fact Sheet

The preliminary data released show that overall steel imports in December 2008 decreased 17.47 percent from November 2008. This marked change in December's total amount of steel imports was due to a drop in all imports except for one small increase in Galvanized Hot Dipped Sheets and Strips (3.09%) and carbon & alloy blooms, billets and slabs (17.64%). The largest decreases were plates in coil (-66.61%), carbon & alloy line pipe (-22.37%), oil country goods (-18.38%), and cold rolled sheets (-15.91% C&A and -28.06% stainless). December 2008 imports of steel mill products were down 0.85 percent compared to December 2007. Oil Country Goods, however, increased 355.61% from December 2007 to December 2008.

Preliminary Census Steel Import Statistic Comparisons					
	Dec 07	Nov 08	Dec 08	% Change	% Change
				Nov 08- Dec 08	Dec 07- Dec 08
All Steel Mill Products	1,817,588	2,183,803	1,802,223	-17.47%	-0.85%
All Carbon and Alloy Products	1,744,173	2,110,094	1,742,702	-17.41%	-0.08%
Oil Country Goods -- C & A	90,800	506,839	413,697	-18.38	355.61%
Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- C & A	348,474	158,181	186,080	17.64%	-46.60%
Line Pipe -- C & A	196,646	232,739	180,686	-22.37%	-8.12%
Sheets Hot Rolled -- C & A	175,386	138,091	136,151	-1.40%	-22.37%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped -- C & A	85,992	108,878	112,247	3.09%	30.53%
Plates in Coils -- C & A	67,680	143,366	47,867	-66.61%	-29.27%
Standard Pipe -- C & A	66,899	89,537	89,982	0.50%	34.50%
Wire Rods -- C & A	63,973	96,663	93,299	-3.48%	45.84%
Sheets Cold Rolled -- C & A	75,028	68,969	57,995	-15.91%	-27.70%
All Carbon and Alloy Products	1,744,173	2,110,094	1,742,702	-17.41%	-0.08%
All Stainless Products	73,415	73,708	59,521	-19.25%	-18.93%
Sheets Cold Rolled -- S	24,426	16,366	11,773	-28.06%	-51.80%
Stainless Pipe & Tubing -- S	9,495	10,841	9,485	-12.51%	-0.11%
Blooms, Billets and Slabs -- S	7,923	7,354	7,690	4.57%	-2.94%

**December 2008 figures are PRELIMINARY; final December figures to be released 02/11/09

*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>