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Imports Rose While Exports of Brass Mill Products Decreased in March 2018

U.S. imports of brass mill products rose in March 2018 compared with the corresponding 2017 period while U.S. exports decreased.

Imports of brass mill products in March 2018 totaled 42,770,710 pounds compared to 39,978,280 in March 2017, an increase of 7 percent. Exports totaled 22,577,791 pounds in March 2018, down from 24,917,646 in March 2017, a 9.3 percent decrease.

For YTD 2018 through March, imports of brass mill products totaled 118,044,083 pounds compared to 113,859,552 pounds through March 2017 YTD, an increase of 4 percent. Exports YTD 2018 totaled 63,322,289 pounds compared to 65,581,704 pounds in the same 2017 period, a decrease of 3.5 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in March at 7,990,687 pounds followed by Canada at 6,187,757 pounds, China at 1,107,796 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 1,048,651 pounds, and South Korea at 845,213 pounds.

Imports from Germany in March 2018 totaled 9,578,418 pounds, followed by Vietnam at 5,058,920 pounds, Mexico at 4,715,273 pounds, South Korea at 4,280,570 pounds, and Canada at 2,964,063 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 15,613,180 pounds while exports of those products totaled 9,219,966 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 14,798,748 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 5,523,465 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 8,961,858 pounds while exports totaled 6,012,381 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,396,925 pounds while exports totaled 1,821,981 pounds.

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

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