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**Imports Slightly Declined While Exports of Brass Mill Products Rose in March 2017**

U.S. imports of brass mill products slightly declined in March 2017 while U.S. exports rose compared with the corresponding 2016 period.

Imports of brass mill products in March 2017 totaled 39,978,280 pounds compared to 40,125,111 in March 2016, a decrease of .40 percent. Exports totaled 24,917,646 pounds in March 2017, up from 21,717,257 in March 2016, a 15 percent increase.

For YTD 2017 through March, imports of brass mill products totaled 113,859,552 pounds compared to 107,952,983 pounds through March 2016 YTD, an increase of 6 percent. Exports YTD 2017 totaled 65,581,704 pounds compared to 59,682,501 pounds in the same 2016 period, an increase of 10 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in March at 9,102,575 pounds followed by Canada at 7,292,881 pounds, China at 1,733,629 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 1,081,579 pounds, and South Korea at 713,517 pounds.

Imports from Germany in March 2017 totaled 9,599,823 pounds, followed by Mexico at 4,324,016 pounds, South Korea at 4,045,575 pounds, Canada at 3,535,208 pounds, and Vietnam at 2,509,992 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,336,917 pounds while exports of those products totaled 9,697,694 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 13,673,381 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 5,232,799 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 9,581,383 pounds while exports totaled 7,934,986 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,386,598 pounds while exports totaled 2,052,167 pounds.

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

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