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**Imports of Brass Mill Products Increased While Exports Continue To Decrease
in September 2018**

U.S. imports of brass mill products increased in September 2018 compared with the corresponding 2017 period, yet U.S. exports of brass mill products decreased.

Imports of brass mill products in September 2018 totaled 41,159,851 pounds compared to 40,908,412 in September 2017, an increase of 0.6 percent. Exports totaled 18,105,901 pounds in September 2018, down from 21,247,384 in September 2017, a decrease of 14.8 percent.

For YTD 2018 through September, imports of brass mill products totaled 394,928,358 pounds compared to 372,988,646 pounds through September 2017 YTD, an increase of 5.9 percent. Exports YTD 2018 totaled 193,316,907 pounds compared to 200,517,759 pounds in the same 2017 period, a decrease of 3.6 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in September at 7,258,447 pounds followed by Canada at 5,045,840 pounds, China at 737,148 pounds, South Korea at 592,111 pounds, and Germany at 526,959 pounds.

Imports from Germany in September 2018 totaled 10,418,086 pounds, followed by South Korea at 3,410,695 pounds, Mexico at 3,293,531 pounds, Canada at 2,884,858 pounds, and Vietnam at 2,594,228 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 15,440,719 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,759,595 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 13,815,313 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,165,274 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 8,739,035 pounds while exports totaled 6,116,251 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,164,785 pounds while exports totaled 1,064,782 pounds.

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

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