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### **Imports of Brass Mill Products Rose While Exports Decreased in June 2018**

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

Imports of brass mill products in June 2018 totaled 46,142,002 pounds compared to 44,236,933 in June 2017, an increase of 4.3 percent. Exports totaled 21,234,185 pounds in June 2018, down from 24,537,720 in June 2017, a decrease of 13.5 percent.

For YTD 2018 through June, imports of brass mill products totaled 256,928,262 pounds compared to 245,832,660 pounds through June 2017 YTD, an increase of 4.5 percent. Exports YTD 2018 totaled 131,907,532 pounds compared to 135,635,504 pounds in the same 2017 period, a decrease of 3 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in June at 8,616,688 pounds followed by Canada at 5,789,019 pounds, China at 886,381 pounds, South Korea at 663,904 pounds, and Hong Kong at 584,365 pounds.

Imports from Germany in June 2018 totaled 10,487,983 pounds, followed by Vietnam at 5,198,528 pounds, South Korea at 4,962,200 pounds, Mexico at 4,450,926 pounds, and Canada at 2,650,862 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 15,475,886 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,588,586 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 16,932,803 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,593,187 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 10,115,540 pounds while exports totaled 6,376,935 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,617,773 pounds while exports totaled 1,675,476 pounds.

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

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