

SURGE MONITOR

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ABOUT THE SURGE MONITOR AND GRAPHICS:

The purpose of the Steel Import Monitoring & Analysis System (SIMA) is to collect timely detailed statistics on steel imports. The Surge Monitor aggregates detailed license information and makes it available for public analysis on a weekly basis. All imported steel products subject to the 201 remedy are required to have an import license effective February 1, 2003¹. The data from the licensing system are used in conjunction with similar Census data to put together the 'Surge Monitor'. The Surge Monitor helps alert users to potential import surges.

In the 'Surge Monitor', the objective is to publish accurate, close to real-time aggregate volume, value, and pricing (average unit values of imports) data on steel imports through an easily accessible website. In order to achieve this, Commerce compares the data collected from SIMA to the data collected through the Automated Commercial System (ACS) on a weekly basis. We then take three primary steps to ensure that the data is accurate:

- Verify the data by license number and HTS codes
- Identify discrepancies
- Notify license applicants if discrepancies are found.

License applicants can correct errors through the on-line license application system. Although we strive to present the most accurate data possible on our website, it is important to keep in mind that data from the license system are preliminary and are subject to revisions.

The license data in the Surge monitor are updated weekly. Twice a month, Census releases import statistics on steel – first the preliminary statistics (their Cut 3), followed by the official month's statistics about two weeks later. Using this monthly data, we can reconcile the license information further. A schedule of the updates is posted on the website.

The data files shown in the SURGE MONITOR are created using import statistics compiled by the Census Bureau and the Department of Commerce that pertain to the Section 201 Remedy.

¹ as stated in the President's Proclamation and further refined in the Final Rules , please see: <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/steel/license> .

Commerce currently presents analysis of its import trends using both data tables and graphical illustrations. The tables allow you to view the data compiled from two different sources: the Census data and the Steel Import Licensing data.* The Census has two sets of steel reports: those covering steel mill products and those now referred to as ‘monitored products’, that is, those that were covered by the Section 201. In this surge monitor, only the ‘monitored’ products are shown. Commerce started collecting import statistics through the Steel Import Licensing System in mid-January 2003; these are equivalent to the ‘monitored products’. As illustrated in the table below, data may be viewed by three separate categories: by product, by country or by quantity. There are links in each table to the concepts listed in the left column going to different data tables. You can also view the related graph by clicking on either M (Monthly) or A (Annually) hyperlinks to the left of these concepts. For example:

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LICENSE Data

U.S. IMPORTS of Monitored Steel Products: FROM ALL COUNTRIES

Quantities in Metric Tons By Product

Annual Charts	Monthly Charts	Product	May 04	Jun 04	Jul 04
A	M	All 201-Products	2,174,946	2,283,979	1,786,140
A	M	SLABS	577,130	557,583	296,245
A	M	HOT-ROLLED SHEET	377,573	444,007	380,229
A	M	COATED SHEET	263,151	282,302	311,466
A	M	WELDED TUBULAR PRODUCTS	217,505	234,678	149,927
A	M	HOT-ROLLED BARS	151,947	219,388	115,509
A	M	REBAR	239,332	193,497	204,837
A	M	COLD-ROLLED SHEET	197,838	185,889	171,265
A	M	PLATE	50,950	65,937	83,517
A	M	TIN MILL PRODUCTS	49,961	37,389	27,331
A	M	COLD-FINISHED BARS	20,612	37,558	23,696
A	M	FLANGES & FITTINGS	12,949	11,622	9,695
A	M	STAINLESS BARS	9,260	8,076	6,188
A	M	STAINLESS WIRE	3,158	2,809	2,925
A	M	STAINLESS RODS	3,580	3,245	3,311

Table last modified on: July 27, 2004 , compiled with Commerce license data through July 2004

Excluded/Covered refers to the countries' status during the safeguard

Note: Section 201 was terminated on December 5, 2003, however monitoring of those products continues.

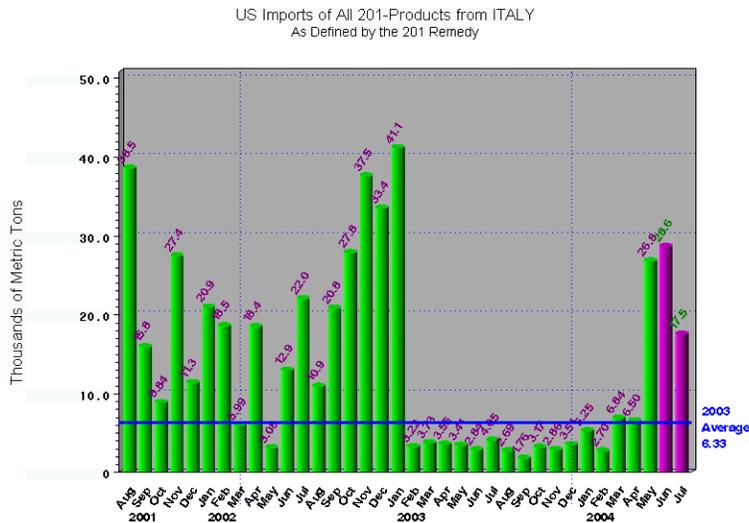
TO SAVE THE DATA TABLES: Each of the data tables may be saved (using the following commands: FILE, SAVE AS, enter a name with a '.htm' extension). Then these files may be opened in a spreadsheet

for further analysis. The tables may also be saved using these commands: EDIT-SELECT ALL, EDIT-COPY, then opening a spreadsheet program and saving them in a new worksheet.

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CENSUS Data								
U.S. IMPORTS of 201-Covered: FROM ALL COUNTRIES								
Quantities in Metric Tons By Country								
Annual Charts	Monthly Charts	Product	Mar 03	Apr 03	May 03	3 Month Average	12 Month Average	12 Month Total
A	M	All 201-Products	1,463,051	1,204,965	1,258,185	1,308,734	1,764,874	21,178,492
A	M	SLABS	421,781	230,560	301,293	317,878	516,052	6,192,628
A	M	HOT-ROLLED SHEET	242,634	234,125	227,173	234,644	381,198	4,574,371
A	M	COATED SHEET	191,656	184,185	149,458	175,099	215,659	2,587,903
A	M	WELDED TUBULAR PRODUCTS	140,988	191,339	190,384	174,237	179,780	2,157,364
A	M	HOT-ROLLED BARS	147,108	130,302	171,958	149,789	149,803	1,797,631
A	M	COLD-ROLLED SHEET	109,895	91,104	83,242	94,747	130,933	1,571,192
A	M	REBAR	72,715	30,635	32,309	45,220	71,885	862,622
A	M	PLATE	66,530	39,112	28,545	44,729	52,422	629,064
A	M	TIN MILL PRODUCTS	31,027	29,626	34,863	31,839	26,353	316,232
A	M	COLD-FINISHED BARS	17,261	18,722	17,473	17,819	16,960	203,525
A	M	FLANGES & FITTINGS	8,867	10,652	10,024	9,848	9,992	119,908
A	M	STAINLESS BARS	6,137	8,006	6,448	6,864	7,697	92,367
A	M	STAINLESS RODS	3,983	3,425	2,491	3,300	3,485	41,820
A	M	STAINLESS WIRE	2,470	3,171	2,523	2,721	2,655	31,863

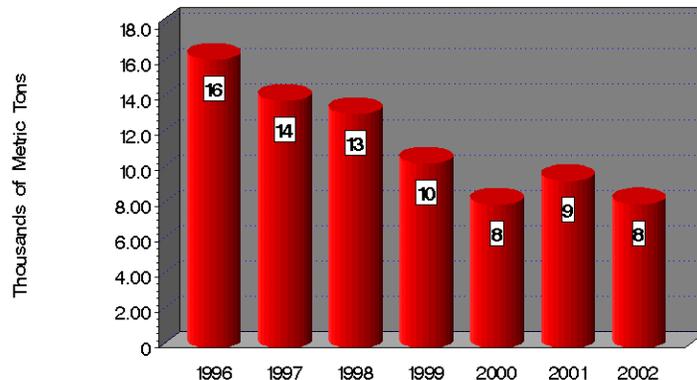
Data last updated on: 24JUN2003 Table last modified on 01JUL2003 with PRELIMINARY Census data compiled through MAY03.

The graphical illustration alternative allows the viewer to analyze the data on either a monthly or annual basis. The monthly graph shows monthly imports of a specific product from country against a 25-month period of data (in quantity terms). This monthly graph combines the Census and the Steel Import Licensing data, with the Census data shown in green and the license data in purple. For example:



The annual graph shows annual imports of a specified product from a specific country against an historical trend in quantity terms, the annual graph only shows the Census data. For example:

US Imports of All 201—Products from SWEDEN
Monthly Average Imports



Graph last updated on 11FEB2004 with ITC data through DEC02
Data were compiled on 24JUL2003

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On December 4, the President terminated the steel safeguard. Therefore, duties for products covered under the safeguard will no longer be required. However, if importing steel that was subject to the safeguard (see “Products Covered by the Remedy” on the preceding web page for all subject steel products), you must continue to apply for licenses as you had in the past. The licensing program will continue at least through the safeguard’s original termination date of March 20, 2005 or such time as the Secretary of Commerce establishes a replacement program.

**Census began releasing the steel import statistics based on the Section 201 remedy categories on May 29, 2002 with the early release of April's statistics.*