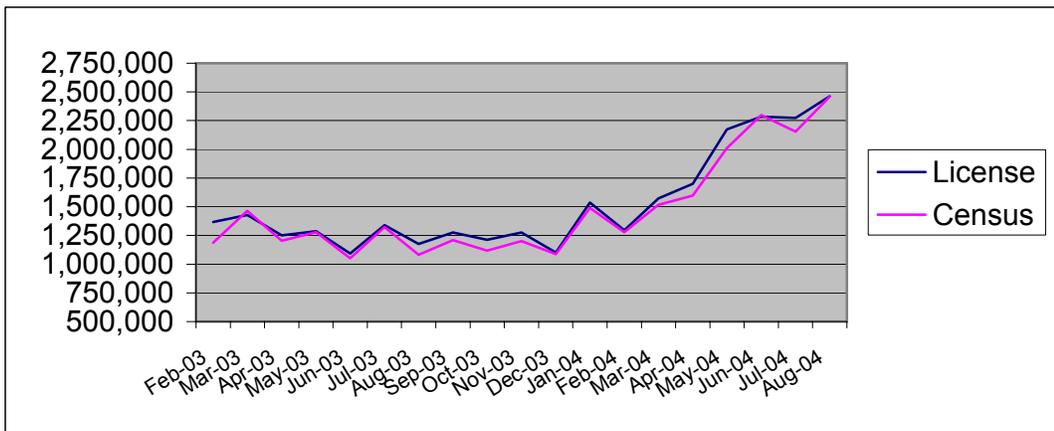


<b>August Data Comparison: Preliminary Census and License Data</b> in metric tons				
Products	August 2004 License	August 2004 Census	August Census - August License	% difference
All 201-Products	2,461,872	2,460,358	-1,514	-0.1%
COLD-FINISHED_BARS	25,450	19,816	-5,634	-22.1%
WELDED_TUBULAR_PRODUCTS	262,526	258,254	-4,272	-1.6%
FLANGES & FITTINGS	13,401	13,454	53	0.4%
Flat Products (excl slab)	1,227,182	1,188,502	-38,680	-3.2%
PLATE	97,164	92,112	-5,052	-5.2%
HOT-ROLLED_SHEET	519,863	509,973	-9,890	-1.9%
COLD-ROLLED_SHEET	218,933	226,007	7,074	3.2%
COATED_SHEET	391,222	360,410	-30,812	-7.9%
HOT-ROLLED_BARS	178,273	184,161	5,888	3.3%
REBAR	243,974	223,199	-20,775	-8.5%
SLABS	454,348	512,043	57,695	12.7%
STAINLESS_BARS	8,307	8,102	-205	-2.5%
STAINLESS_RODS	3,757	3,368	-389	-10.4%
STAINLESS_WIRE	3,138	3,002	-136	-4.3%
TIN_MILL_PRODUCTS	41,516	46,456	4,940	11.9%

Source: U.S. Department Commerce Steel Licensing Program with data through 09/28/04  
Census Data with August preliminary data modified 09/28/04



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\*The purpose of the Steel Import Licensing System is to provide you with a timely detailed statistics on steel imports. We try to present the most accurate data. However, you may see some discrepancies because our data are not put through the rigorous statistical tests that Census uses, and also because of timing and trade zone issues.