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## WIRE ROPE AND WIRE STRAND

Wire rope is a relatively high value steel product which is used in specialized applications such as on earth-moving and materials handling equipment, fish trawling, logging, and in the oil field industry. Wire strand is a component of the rope which is laid helically around a wire core.

Although imports of strand and rope have fallen over the life of the VRA program, 1/ the 40 percent decline in imports of strand has been far more than that experienced in wire rope, imports of which declined by only 4 percent. The disparity appears to reflect a shift by exporters from strand to higher value rope exports. The decline in imports has been more than matched by a decrease in apparent U.S. consumption, however. As a result, the share of imports in the market has grown from 30 percent in 1983, to 38 percent in 1988.

Although certain VRA signatories have maintained their import market share throughout the period in which the VRAs have been administered, 2/ in general, the share of the import market captured by non-VRA countries has increased; imports of wire rope from Taiwan, Israel, and Canada increased from 10 percent of imports in 1983 to 16 percent of imports in 1988, and imports of wire strand from both Canada and Argentina rose during that time (from 3 percent to 10 percent, and 5 to 12 percent, respectively).

In addition, there were imports from non-VRA countries which had not exported to the U.S. market in earlier years. Thailand and Argentina, for example, supplied over 3,000 tons (4 percent) of wire rope in 1988. Additionally, wire strand imports from Thailand, China, and India, from which there were no imports in 1983, accounted for a combined 6 percent (6,000 tons) of total imports in 1988.

Shifts in the geographic distribution of imports among customs districts (fig. 1) reflects changes in domestic consumption patterns. Increases in the share of imports of strand and rope entering through Atlantic Coast and Pacific Coast ports reflect increased demand from the construction and logging industries. The fall in imports of both products entering through Gulf Coast ports and across the Mexican border reflects the economic uncertainties facing of the oil and gas industries.

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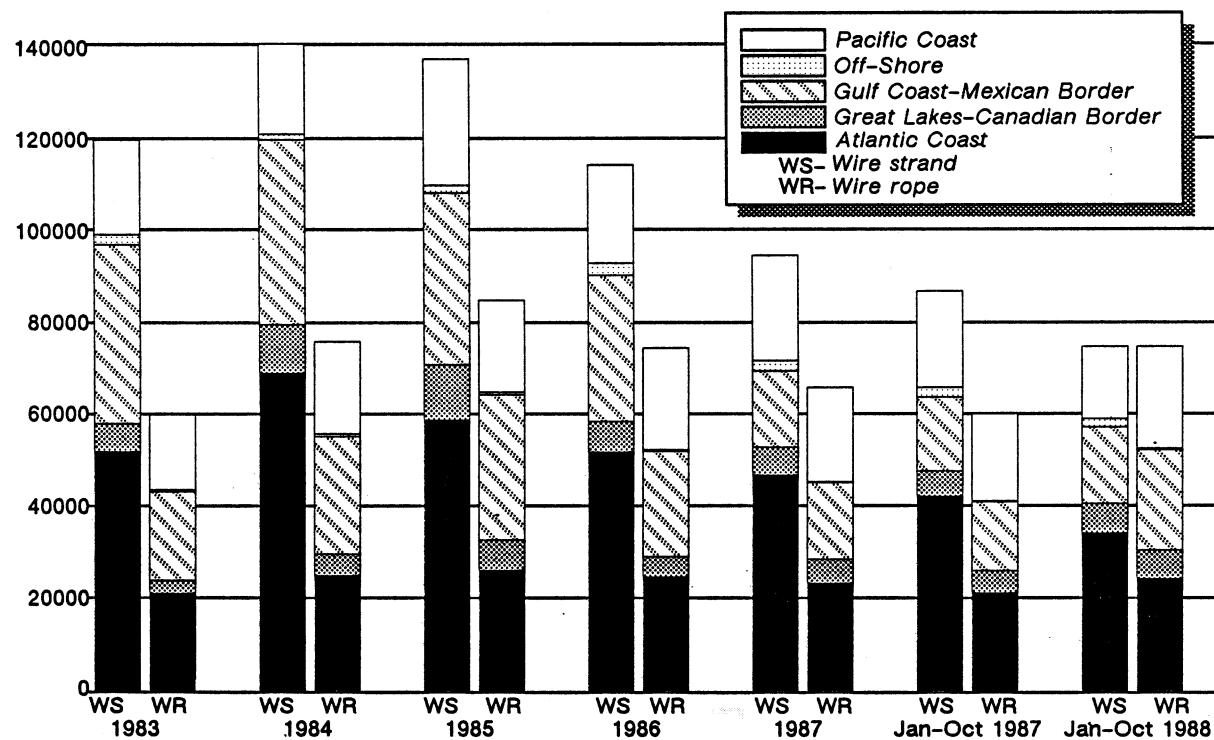
1/Imports in 1988 have been estimated on data from January-November, 1988.

2/An example is Korea, whose exports of wire rope have taken a consistently high share (between 63 and 68 percent) of the import market during the period 1983-88; imports of wire strand from Korea increased their share of imports from 16 percent in 1983 to 26 percent in 1987.

**Figure 1**

Imports of wire rope and wire strand, 1983-1987 and by selected periods 1987 and 1988, by customs district, by tons

Short tons



Source: Compiled from official statistics of the Department of Commerce.

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## Preface

On April 9, 1986, at the request of the Subcommittee on Trade, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives, and in accordance with the provisions of section 332(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(b)), the United States International Trade Commission instituted investigation No. 332-226, Monthly Reports on the Status of the Steel Industry. The purpose of the reports is to monitor developments in the steel industry through September 1989, which corresponds with the President's program of voluntary restraint arrangements (VRA's) with certain countries and regions which export steel to the United States.

### Background of VRA's

On September 18, 1984, the President determined, under section 202(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, that taking "escape clause" action was not in the national economic interest (49 Federal Register 36813). The decision followed an investigation conducted by the Commission in which imports of certain steel products <sup>1/</sup> were found to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or threat thereof, to certain domestic industries (investigation No. TA-201-51). Instead of taking action under the statute, the President established a nine-point policy to address the concerns of the industry. Under this policy, the President directed the United States Trade Representative to negotiate voluntary restraint arrangements to cover a five year period (from October 1, 1984 through September 30, 1989) with countries whose exports to the United States had increased significantly in recent years due to an unfair surge in imports. These measures were expected to return the share of imports in the U.S. market to a more normal level of approximately 18.5 percent, excluding semifinished steel (which, subsequent Administration statements indicate, would be limited to about 1.7 million tons per year).

### Specialty steel

On July 19, 1983, the President announced his decision to grant import relief to the specialty steel industry for a period of 4 years (48 Federal Register 33233). The relief was scheduled to expire on July 19, 1987. Under the relief, quotas were put on imports of stainless steel bars, stainless steel wire rods, and certain alloy tool steel products; increased duties were imposed on stainless steel plates and stainless steel sheets and strip. On July 16, 1987, the President announced his decision to extend the import relief in the form currently in effect for a period from July 20, 1987 through September 30, 1989. Under the steel VRA's, in return for their agreement to limit exports of stainless steel plates and sheets and strip, the VRA countries were exempted

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<sup>1/</sup> Affirmative decisions were rendered in the case of semifinished steel, plates, sheets and strip, wire and wire products, and structural shapes and units. Negative determinations were rendered in the case of wire rod, railway type products, bars, and pipes and tubes.

from having to pay additional duties (with the exception of Finland, whose VRA does not include stainless steel flat-rolled products); quotas were unaffected by the VRA's for all countries except the EC-10, which negotiated limits on rods, bars, and alloy tool steel as part of its VRA, Brazil whose VRA now includes the specialty steel products subject to quotas, and Austria, which included alloy tool steel in its VRA.

In this report trade data are reported in a similar format for all product categories; in the case of stainless steel bars, stainless steel rods, and certain alloy tool steel products, however, it should be noted that, except for the EC-10 and Austria, all countries are bound by quotas (see App. B for a description of the specialty steel relief provisions and implementation of modifications in specialty steel import relief).

#### Current Status of VRA's

To date VRA's have been negotiated with 19 countries and the EC (excluding Portugal and Spain, which negotiated separate agreements). The agreements have taken the form of market share arrangements and quotas, or a combination thereof. The agreements are tailored to each country, with considerable variation in the number of individual product categories subject to limitation. Following is a list of countries subject to the VRA's and estimates of their respective overall limitations on a market share basis.

Countries Subject to VRA'sMarket share agreements:Overall 1988 import share 1/  
(% of U.S. apparent consumption)

Australia	0.24
Austria	0.23
Brazil	1.42
EC	5.36
Finland	0.23
Japan	5.93
Mexico	0.42
South Africa 2/	0.0
South Korea	1.82
Spain	0.69

Quota level for 1988 in short tons and as a  
share of apparent U.S. consumption  
(estimated) 3/Quota agreements

	(Short tons)	(Percent)
Czechoslovakia	40,100	0.04
East Germany	228,500	0.23
Hungary	33,300	0.03
Poland	87,200	0.87
Portugal	29,300	0.03
Romania	111,400	0.11
Trinidad and Tobago	43,500	0.04
Venezuela	143,900	4/ 0.14
Yugoslavia	20,900	0.02
People's Republic of China	77,400	0.08

Semifinished steel agreements      Quota level for 1988 (short tons)

Australia	50,000
Brazil	700,000
EC	5/ 840,000
Finland	15,000
Japan	100,000
Mexico	100,000
South Africa 2/	0
South Korea	50,000
Spain	50,000
Venezuela	71,225

1/ Including semifinished steel for all countries. Does not include adjustments for overages in 1987.

2/ Steel imports from South Africa are reduced by the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986 which embargoes certain steel products.

3/ Including semifinished steel, except as noted. Does not include adjustments for overages in 1987. Estimates based on October 1988 DRI forecast.

4/ Excluding semifinished steel.

5/ Includes approximately 200,000 tons which may be imported at the discretion of the U.S. Trade Representative.

Structure of the Report

- Monthly Summary provides perspective on imports and trade by highlighting specific products, countries, or customs areas. The inclusion of such insights, which may not be readily apparent from the report's tabulated data, are intended to focus attention on important events in the steel industry. An index of subjects addressed in the summaries may be found on page iii.
- Table 1 provides data on key items, including raw steel production, capability utilization, employment, wages, shipments, trade, and financial performance.
- Tables 2-6 provide data on shipments, imports, exports, apparent consumption, and imports as a percent of apparent consumption by major product for all grades of steel, plus carbon and specialty products separately.
- Table 7 provides quantity and value data on imports of total steel mill products and certain fabricated products. The EC and each VRA country are specified, as are the top 10 non-VRA suppliers.
- Table 8 provides data on the quantity of steel other than semifinished steel, which is being imported from the EC, each VRA country, and the top non-VRA suppliers, and the market penetration of each country. The table can be used to measure the extent to which penetration is approaching the levels anticipated under the President's steel policy.
- Table 9 provides data on the quantity of semifinished steel imported from the EC, each VRA country, and the top non-VRA suppliers, and presents the 1986 semifinished import restraint level of each VRA country.
- Tables 10-29 provide data on the quantity and value of major carbon and specialty steel imports on a product-by-product basis. The EC, each VRA country, and the top non-VRA suppliers are specified.
- Table 30 provides data on the unit values of selected imports of carbon and specialty steel products.
- Table 31 provides data on imports of selected carbon and specialty steel products. The table also provides information which permits an examination of the extent to which shifts in product mix within major product categories is occurring.
- Tables 32-37 provide data on imports of steel mill products and certain fabricated products, by U.S. customs area.

Notes on Product Coverage and Methodology

Data on foreign trade imports and exports and domestic shipments are compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and statistics of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), respectively.

The products on which foreign trade data are collected correspond to those covered by the VRA's with the exception of fabricated wire nails (TSUS item 646.3040, 646.3200, and 646.3600), stainless steel wire strand (TSUS item 642.0800), stainless steel wire rope (TSUS item 642.1400), and offshore oil platforms (TSUS item 652.700)), and those subject to limitation under separate specialty steel measures. Since the VRA's include certain fabricated products, the data may exceed that compiled by other organizations such as the AISI. The additional tonnage, however, is relatively small. In 1985 AISI reported imports of 24.3 million tons, which compares to the 24.9 million tons indicated in this report. The product categories most affected are structural shapes and units (which includes fabricated structurals in this report) and wire and wire products (which includes wire rope and wire strand).

The term EC in this report does not include Portugal and Spain, which are subject to separate VRA's.

Unit values are calculated using unrounded data. Import values are customs value. Trade data include imports under section 806.30 and 807.00 of the Tariff Schedules; the 806.30 and 807.00 provisions apply to U.S. merchandise which is exported, processed, and reimported into the United States.



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Table 1.--Steel: U.S. raw steel production, capability utilization, employment, wages, shipments, imports, exports, apparent consumption, net sales and net income 1983-87, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	January-November	
						1987	1988
<b>Raw steel:</b>							
Production (1,000 short tons).....	84,615	92,528	88,259	81,606	88,472	80,539	91,301
Capability utilization (percent).....	56.2	68.4	66.1	63.8	78.9	78.5	89.1
Continuously cast (percent).....	32.1	39.6	44.4	55.2	52.5	59.4	60.0
Employment:							
Total (thousands).....	243	236	208	175	163	162	169
Receiving wages (thousands).....	169	171	151	128	121	120	125
Hourly employment cost 1/ (dollars).....	22.21	21.30	22.81	23.57	23.70	23.60	24.60
Steel:							
Shipments (1,000 short tons).....	67,584	73,740	73,043	64,947	76,473	69,713	76,618
Imports (1,000 short tons).....	17,477	26,705	24,885	21,289	20,938	18,234	19,471
Exports (1,000 short tons).....	1,282	1,081	992	980	1,176	1,055	1,706
Apparent consumption (1,000 short tons).....	83,779	99,363	96,591	90,026	96,235	87,821	95,289
Ratio of imports to consumption (percent).....	20.9	26.9	25.8	23.6	21.8	21.8	21.4
Financial:							
All operations:							
Net sales (million dollars).....	45,974	53,619	53,651	41,912	2/ 32,314	3/	3/
Net income (million dollars).....	(2,603)	(301)	(1,210)	(6,094)	2/ 1,121	3/	3/
Ratio of net sales to income (percent)....	(5.7)	(0.6)	(2.3)	(14.5)	2/ 3.7	3/	3/
<b>Steel operations:</b>							
Net steel sales (million dollars).....	24,463	30,132	29,473	24,891	26,840	2/ 19,752	2/ 24,486
Net steel income (million dollars).....	(2,231)	(186)	(1,743)	(4,203)	1,017	2/ 988	2/ 2,476
Ratio of net sales to income (percent)....	(9.1)	(0.6)	(5.9)	(16.9)	3.8	2/ 5.0	2/ 10.1

1/ Total employment costs (including benefits) of employees receiving wages.

2/ January-September.

3/ No longer available.

Source: Compiled from data of the American Iron & Steel Institute and official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 2.--Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. producers' shipments, by product and grade of steel, 1983-1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988  
 (Short tons)

Item	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		January-November 1988	
All grades of steel:												
Semifinished:												
Plate	998,242		1,306,044		1,374,524		1,388,649		2,095,599		1,815,403	
Sheet and strip	3,816,069		4,338,993		4,327,347		3,531,806		4,065,183		3,755,749	
Bars & certain shapes	3,104,792		4,087,749		4,085,298		4,055,641		4,288,266		3,313,932	
Wire rod	11,699,722		13,232,473		12,667,539		12,101,642		12,937,033		11,889,824	
Wire	2,857,394		3,090,036		2,961,769		3,493,632		3,838,788		3,486,856	
Wire products	1,010,410		962,726		874,135		797,859		786,963		733,385	
Structural shapes & units:	3,648,794		259,616		262,268		278,068		304,761		281,748	
Rails & related products:	3,622,050		4,156,233		4,698,305		4,815,432		5,04,809		4,626,389	
Pipe and tube:	883,907		1,238,900		931,313		647,697		504,561		510,786	
Total	67,583,527		73,739,529		73,043,323		69,946,884		76,472,610		69,713,050	
Carbon & certain alloy steel:												
Semifinished:												
Plate	963,421		1,266,364		1,327,766		1,339,062		2,018,535		1,747,323	
Sheet and strip	3,715,228		4,223,128		4,185,883		3,415,947		3,906,102		3,612,138	
Bars & certain shapes	3,8,322,411		40,058,979		40,018,167		39,256,239		42,347,623		38,434,313	
Wire rod	11,552,450		13,031,564		12,478,002		11,926,843		12,753,157		11,719,077	
Wire	2,822,416		3,038,112		2,931,897		3,457,233		3,791,034		3,666,834	
Wire products	983,850		933,382		851,841		773,204		760,229		709,444	
Structural shapes & units:	3,648,794		259,616		262,268		278,068		304,761		281,748	
Rails & related products:	3,622,050		4,156,233		4,698,305		4,815,432		5,04,809		4,626,389	
Pipe and tube:	883,907		1,238,900		931,313		647,697		504,561		510,786	
Total	66,400,263		72,430,349		71,732,213		68,703,943		74,995,678		68,348,006	
Stainless & alloy tool steel:												
Stainless steel:												
Semifinished:												
Plate	34,821		39,680		46,758		49,587		77,064		68,080	
Sheet and strip	100,841		115,865		141,464		115,859		159,081		143,611	
Bars & certain shapes	782,381		819,770		832,131		799,402		940,643		879,619	
Wire rod	101,107		139,980		129,267		119,024		125,441		117,645	
Wire	34,978		51,924		29,872		36,399		47,754		40,022	
Hose	26,560		29,344		22,294		24,655		26,734		23,941	
Pipe and tube	56,411		51,688		49,054		42,240		41,780		39,024	
Tool steel (all forms)	46,165		60,922		60,270		55,775		58,435		51,455	
Total	1,183,264		1,309,180		1,311,110		1,242,941		1,476,932		53,102	
												1,365,044
												1,534,365

1/ Includes tool steel.

2/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

3/ Shipment and apparent consumption data for wire and wire products have been combined and are reported in the category designated "wire".

Source: Compiled from data of the American Iron & Steel Institute.

Table 3.--Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports, by product and grade of steel, 1983-1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988  
 (Short tons)

Item	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	January-November							
							1987	1988						
<b>All grades of steel:</b>														
<b>Semifinished:</b>														
Plate	822,483	1,632,065	2,440,368	2,084,322	2,288,995	2,144,869	2,744,378							
Sheet and strip	1,398,955	1,782,050	1,772,309	1,456,790	1,566,694	1,415,073	1,746,548							
Sheet & certain shapes	7,231,584	10,332,032	9,046,089	8,278,604	7,875,891	7,257,232	6,773,380							
Bars & certain shapes	975,714	1,722,313	1,550,559	1,476,368	1,359,758	1,233,502	1,346,480							
Wire rod	1,129,291	1,589,788	1,476,145	1,362,753	1,467,030	1,332,375	1,400,770							
Wire	651,396	671,829	612,685	582,022	555,981	511,257	502,885							
Wire Products	616,359	738,680	674,960	636,591	649,377	600,817	526,743							
Structural shapes & units	1,757,410	2,432,694	2,440,403	2,179,657	2,153,669	1,937,534	2,008,169							
Rails & related products	1,175,433	2,373,890	2,382,046	2,275,710	2,245,988	2,210,853	2,297,857							
Pipe and tube	2,862,342	5,429,839	6,489,287	2,956,303	2,775,091	2,519,459	3,030,059							
Total	17,476,965	26,705,180	24,884,651	21,289,120	20,938,474	19,162,971	20,377,269							
<b>Carbon &amp; certain alloy 2/ steel:</b>														
<b>Semifinished:</b>														
Plate	821,033	1,618,365	2,430,078	2,066,700	2,232,270	2,091,891	2,687,342							
Sheet and strip	1,393,705	1,774,614	1,760,812	1,440,375	1,555,577	1,404,938	1,732,845							
Sheet & certain shapes	7,147,441	10,194,435	8,910,469	8,127,033	7,746,596	7,140,900	6,665,543							
Bars & certain shapes	906,081	1,652,025	1,475,447	1,393,731	1,281,168	1,161,361	1,268,530							
Wire rod	1,158,788	1,570,952	1,456,078	1,344,256	1,348,720	1,315,890	1,383,810							
Wire	440,697	649,126	590,317	564,481	536,897	493,927	484,638							
Wire Products	616,359	738,680	674,960	636,591	649,377	600,817	526,743							
Structural shapes & units	1,757,410	2,432,694	2,440,403	2,179,657	2,153,669	1,937,534	2,008,169							
Rails & related products	1,175,433	2,373,890	2,382,046	2,275,710	2,245,988	2,210,853	2,297,857							
Pipe and tube	2,864,693	5,390,642	6,457,277	2,923,029	2,748,644	2,495,879	2,295,629							
Total	17,261,460	26,404,423	24,577,887	20,951,563	20,598,906	18,853,990	20,051,106							
<b>Stainless &amp; alloy tool steel:</b>														
<b>Stainless steel:</b>														
Semifinished	1,450	13,700	10,290	17,622	56,725	52,979	57,037							
Plate	5,251	7,436	11,497	16,415	11,118	10,135	13,703							
Sheet and strip	84,144	137,597	135,620	151,571	129,295	116,332	107,836							
Sheet & certain shapes	39,209	38,234	37,970	37,888	37,991	34,578	37,482							
Wire rod	26,504	18,835	18,496	18,311	16,486	16,961	16,961							
Wire	10,697	22,703	22,169	17,561	19,084	17,330	18,266							
Pipe and tube	17,849	30,197	32,009	33,274	26,448	23,580	34,431							
Tool steel (all forms)	30,423	32,054	37,142	44,749	40,599	37,563	40,467							
Total	215,527	300,556	306,764	337,556	339,571	308,983	326,163							

1/ Includes tool steel.

2/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 4.—Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. exports of domestic merchandise, by product and grade of steel, 1983-1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988  
(Short tons)

Item	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	January-November	
							1987	1988
<b>All grades of steel:</b>								
Semifinished—								
Plate	102,757	73,536	89,708	58,885	73,543	53,132	42,686	
Sheet and strip	101,981	88,184	82,988	69,565	96,538	84,278	99,394	
Bars & certain shapes 1/	463,261	389,577	375,396	507,420	556,991	498,661	1,029,461	
Wire rod—	170,066	133,595	99,096	81,224	121,869	112,344	128,352	
Wire—	6,138	8,646	4,740	5,876	8,217	6,953	9,263	
Wire products—	22,439	19,979	19,146	26,760	26,669	23,399	33,534	
Structural shapes & units—	22,292	22,055	19,253	26,731	23,257	20,761	25,108	
Rails & related products—	114,924	119,256	89,031	71,525	101,373	95,529	101,259	
Pipe and tube—	20,075	19,079	13,430	13,131	15,755	13,535	18,174	
Total—	257,968	207,426	199,258	121,050	152,155	146,259	218,649	
Carbon & certain alloy 2/	1,281,901	1,081,363	992,046	980,167	1,176,367	1,054,831	1,705,880	
Steel:								
Semifinished—								
Plate	101,392	72,285	82,650	57,932	71,362	50,148	39,938	
Sheet and strip	93,887	84,813	74,957	66,042	92,057	79,890	87,991	
Bars & certain shapes—	439,443	369,495	349,620	477,803	501,010	466,211	488,759	
Wire rod—	160,404	126,090	89,241	72,134	111,619	103,121	113,136	
Wire—	5,440	7,918	3,716	5,049	6,889	5,743	7,903	
Wire products—	16,301	17,524	17,182	24,033	22,863	20,741	29,443	
Structural shapes & units—	22,292	22,085	19,253	24,731	23,257	20,741	25,108	
Rails & related products—	114,924	119,256	89,031	71,525	101,373	95,529	101,259	
Pipe and tube—	20,075	19,079	13,430	13,131	15,755	13,535	18,174	
Total—	251,266	199,778	193,309	118,010	143,405	138,181	213,145	
Stainless & alloy tool steel:								
Stainless steel:								
Semifinished—								
Plate	1,365	1,251	7,058	953	2,181	2,985	2,748	
Sheet and strip	8,094	3,371	8,031	3,523	4,481	4,388	11,403	
Bars & certain shapes—	23,818	20,081	25,776	29,617	55,981	52,450	40,702	
Wire rod—	6,096	5,178	7,762	6,946	7,189	6,524	11,038	
Wire—	6,98	728	1,024	828	1,328	1,211	1,360	
Pipe and tube—	6,138	2,455	1,964	2,728	3,806	3,335	4,091	
Tool steel (all forms)—	6,403	7,668	5,968	3,040	8,751	8,078	5,504	
Total—	3,566	2,326	2,094	2,194	3,061	2,699	4,178	
	56,178	43,038	59,657	49,779	86,778	81,670	81,024	

1/ Includes tool steel.

2/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 5.--Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: Apparent U.S. consumption, by product and grade of steel, 1983-1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988  
(Short tons)

Item	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	January-November	
						1987	1988
<b>All grades of steel:</b>							
Semifinished--							
Plate	1,717,968	2,864,573	3,725,184	4,311,051	3,907,140	4,161,077	
Sheet and strip	5,113,043	6,032,859	6,016,668	5,535,339	5,086,544	8,501,030	
Bars & certain shapes 1/	45,873,115	50,821,204	49,520,991	50,607,166	46,072,503	46,655,776	
Wire rod--	12,505,370	14,821,191	14,119,002	14,174,922	13,010,982	14,354,027	
Wire--	4,036,547	4,671,178	6,433,174	6,297,601	6,812,278	5,146,556	
Wire products	1,439,365	1,614,576	1,467,474	1,353,121	1,316,275	1,512,487	
Structural shapes & units--	9,942,861	9,766,211	9,17,975	8,89,928	9,30,881	8,61,824	
Rails & related products--	5,264,536	6,469,671	7,049,677	6,923,564	7,134,105	6,468,394	6,754,808
Pipe and tube--	1,039,265	1,593,711	1,299,929	9,10,276	7,34,794	7,08,104	7,50,923
Total--	83,778,591	99,363,346	96,935,928	90,255,837	96,234,717	87,821,190	95,289,273
<b>Carbon &amp; certain alloy 2/ steel:</b>							
Semifinished--							
Plate	1,683,062	2,812,446	3,675,196	3,347,830	4,179,443	3,789,066	4,196,207
Sheet and strip	5,015,046	5,912,929	5,871,738	4,790,280	5,369,622	4,937,186	8,331,217
Bars & certain shapes--	45,030,409	49,883,919	48,579,016	46,905,469	49,593,022	45,129,002	45,615,315
Wire rod--	12,298,127	14,557,499	13,864,208	13,248,440	13,922,706	12,777,317	14,103,113
Wire--	3,975,764	4,601,146	4,384,259	4,796,440	5,232,865	4,756,981	5,077,312
Wire products	1,408,246	1,564,984	1,424,976	1,313,652	1,274,263	1,183,307	1,470,952
Structural shapes & units--	9,942,861	976,211	917,975	889,928	930,881	861,824	8,3/
Rails & related products--	5,264,536	6,469,671	7,049,677	6,923,564	7,134,105	6,468,394	6,754,808
Pipe and tube--	1,039,265	1,593,711	1,299,929	910,276	7,34,794	7,08,104	7,50,923
Total--	82,435,979	97,796,449	95,377,711	88,725,116	94,504,994	86,228,833	93,672,055
<b>Stainless steel:</b>							
Semifinished--							
Plate	34,906	52,129	49,90	66,256	131,608	118,074	127,157
Sheet and strip	97,998	119,930	144,930	128,751	165,718	149,358	169,813
Bars & certain shapes--	842,707	937,286	941,975	921,356	1,013,957	943,501	1,040,660
Wire rod--	134,220	173,036	159,475	149,966	156,243	145,699	155,594
Wire--	60,784	70,031	48,915	54,067	64,737	55,297	69,245
Pipe and tube--	31,119	49,592	42,499	39,468	42,012	37,936	41,534
Tool steel (all forms)--	67,857	74,237	75,115	72,474	59,477	54,526	80,382
Total--	1,342,613	1,566,898	1,558,217	1,530,718	1,729,725	1,592,357	1,779,504

1/ Includes tool steel.

2/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

3/ Shipment and apparent consumption data for wire and wire products have been combined and are reported in the category designated "wire".

Source: Compiled from data of the American Iron & Steel Institute, and official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 6.—Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports as a percent of apparent consumption, by product and grade of steel, 1983-1987, and by specific periods, 1987 and 1988  
(Percent)

Item	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	January-November 1987	January-November 1988
All grades of steel:							
Semifinished:	47.9	57.0	65.5	61.1	53.1	54.9	66.0
Plate:	27.4	29.5	29.5	29.6	28.3	27.8	20.5
Sheet and strip:	15.8	20.3	18.3	17.3	15.6	15.8	14.5
Bars & certain shapes 1/	11.6	11.0	11.0	10.9	9.6	9.5	9.4
Wire rod:	29.4	34.0	33.3	28.1	27.7	27.7	27.2
Wire:	31.4	41.6	41.7	43.0	42.2	41.9	33.2
Hire Products:	65.4	75.7	73.5	71.5	69.8	69.7	3/
Structural shapes & units:	33.4	37.6	34.6	31.5	30.2	30.0	29.7
Rails & related products:	16.9	23.5	29.4	30.3	33.5	29.8	29.7
Pipe and tube:	49.0	57.2	53.5	52.1	44.8	44.4	43.6
Total:	20.9	26.9	25.7	23.6	21.8	21.8	21.4
Carbon & certain alloy 2/							
Steel:							
Semifinished:	48.8	57.5	66.1	61.7	53.4	55.2	64.0
Plate:	27.8	30.0	30.0	30.1	29.0	28.5	20.8
Sheet and strip:	15.9	20.4	18.3	17.3	15.6	15.8	14.6
Bars & certain shapes:	7.6	11.3	10.6	10.5	9.2	9.1	9.0
Wire rod:	29.1	34.1	33.2	28.0	27.1	27.7	27.3
Wire:	31.3	41.5	41.4	43.0	42.1	41.7	32.9
Hire Products:	65.4	75.7	73.5	71.5	69.8	69.7	3/
Structural shapes & units:	33.4	37.6	34.6	31.5	30.2	30.0	29.7
Rails & related products:	16.9	23.5	29.4	30.3	33.5	29.8	29.7
Pipe and tube:	49.2	57.3	53.6	52.2	44.8	44.4	43.6
Total:	20.9	27.0	25.8	23.6	21.8	21.9	21.4
Stainless & alloy tool steel:							
Stainless steel:							
Semifinished:	4.2	26.3	20.6	26.6	43.1	44.9	44.9
Plate:	5.4	6.2	7.9	12.7	6.7	6.8	8.1
Sheet and strip:	10.0	14.7	14.4	16.5	12.8	12.3	10.4
Bars & certain shapes:	29.2	22.1	23.8	25.3	24.3	23.7	24.1
Wire rod:	43.6	26.9	41.0	34.2	28.3	29.8	24.5
Wire:	34.4	45.8	52.2	44.4	45.4	45.7	43.9
Pipe and tube:	26.3	40.7	42.6	45.9	44.5	43.2	42.8
Tool steel (all forms):	41.7	35.9	39.0	45.5	42.3	42.7	42.5
Total:	16.1	19.2	19.7	22.1	19.6	19.4	18.3

1/ Includes tool steel.

2/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

3/ Shipment and apparent consumption data for wire and wire products have been combined and are reported in the category designated "wire".

Source: Compiled from data of the American Iron & Steel Institute, and official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 7.--Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November		
			1987	1988	
	Quantity (short tons)				
VRA countries:					
Australia -----	192,242	155,112	148,009	264,164	
Austria -----	133,177	119,666	115,131	127,609	
Brazil -----	1,129,406	1,152,972	1,059,137	1,391,583	
Czechoslovakia -----	32,249	29,792	29,517	36,275	
East Germany -----	60,712	95,910	93,690	88,613	
EC countries-----	6,030,059	5,314,371	4,901,383	5,298,659	
Finland -----	201,873	174,889	161,778	194,429	
Hungary -----	20,572	27,064	27,007	29,886	
Japan -----	4,514,994	4,384,621	3,971,310	4,038,348	
Mexico -----	435,286	491,204	441,246	441,317	
Peoples Rep of China -----	41,919	51,107	46,532	58,179	
Poland -----	60,609	91,936	87,146	85,713	
Portugal -----	27,654	31,087	31,033	22,443	
Romania -----	87,616	82,408	76,686	102,529	
Republic of South Africa -----	518,535	30,015	28,023	1,693	
Korea, Republic of -----	1,641,578	1,434,872	1,312,830	1,405,737	
Spain -----	633,147	520,988	484,770	432,164	
Trinidad and Tobago -----	77,219	62,575	58,601	30,071	
Venezuela -----	141,503	170,571	139,678	163,475	
Yugoslavia -----	24,954	15,394	13,607	11,653	
Total-----	16,005,304	14,436,554	13,227,114	14,224,540	
Other countries:					
Canada -----	3,373,544	3,809,440	3,507,103	3,265,783	
Sweden -----	549,930	609,367	556,814	548,247	
Turkey -----	150,345	407,413	347,083	304,492	
Argentina -----	177,808	346,494	320,759	541,096	
Taiwan -----	500,952	263,415	241,574	238,486	
Indonesia -----	37,903	235,573	209,395	272,705	
Norway -----	96,802	154,231	133,729	163,084	
Singapore -----	115,307	144,538	126,553	151,775	
Thailand -----	67,022	120,179	104,079	149,968	
Malaysia -----	22,547	91,857	90,307	28,271	
All others-----	191,654	319,414	298,463	488,822	
Total-----	5,283,814	6,501,921	5,935,859	6,152,729	
Grand total-----	21,289,118	20,938,475	19,162,973	20,377,269	

Table 7.--Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
	1986	1987	1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	72,997	70,374	67,038	109,354
Austria -----:	60,696	58,007	54,387	75,286
Brazil -----:	304,039	328,749	300,101	429,619
Czechoslovakia -----:	6,934	7,156	7,071	11,433
East Germany -----:	15,306	25,328	24,709	30,007
EC countries-----:	2,317,164	2,197,086	2,010,612	2,479,930
Finland -----:	68,472	65,035	59,397	93,450
Hungary -----:	4,666	6,191	6,174	8,510
Japan -----:	2,198,391	2,189,840	1,978,693	2,363,324
Mexico -----:	155,577	204,210	183,791	216,773
Peoples Rep of China -----:	16,727	23,586	21,675	23,217
Poland -----:	17,140	27,141	25,439	28,590
Portugal -----:	11,477	15,163	15,085	10,321
Romania -----:	23,574	25,093	23,323	36,051
Republic of South Africa -----:	147,667	7,322	6,301	1,487
Korea, Republic of -----:	652,523	633,718	575,402	685,003
Spain -----:	225,055	200,168	184,081	219,339
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	18,733	15,482	14,438	8,077
Venezuela -----:	44,596	48,835	39,581	51,905
Yugoslavia -----:	7,279	5,404	4,808	5,564
Total-----:	6,369,013	6,153,888	5,602,106	6,887,240
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	1,403,210	1,660,699	1,529,029	1,623,333
Sweden -----:	267,008	301,016	273,585	332,750
Turkey -----:	41,225	123,568	105,344	90,175
Argentina -----:	55,641	122,695	113,671	214,205
Taiwan -----:	177,140	118,228	107,517	125,053
Indonesia -----:	9,587	56,949	49,914	78,933
Norway -----:	28,685	39,735	35,374	50,120
Singapore -----:	33,694	42,953	38,690	49,614
Thailand -----:	21,750	43,817	37,904	60,860
Malaysia -----:	5,586	23,736	23,143	11,401
All others-----:	84,323	123,864	115,613	184,887
Total-----:	2,127,849	2,657,260	2,429,784	2,821,331
Grand total-----:	8,496,862	8,811,148	8,031,890	9,708,571

Table 8.--Steel other than semifinished steel: 1/ U.S. imports for consumption, and imports as a percent of apparent U.S. consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January-November	
			1987	1988
	Quantity (Short tons)			
	1986	1987	1987	1988
VRA countries:				
Australia -----	179,910	155,077	147,974	184,762
Austria -----	133,151	119,666	115,131	127,551
Brazil -----	723,773	671,685	603,571	679,316
Czechoslovakia -----	32,249	29,792	29,517	36,275
East Germany -----	60,712	95,909	93,689	88,613
EC-----	5,265,505	4,358,698	3,990,167	4,201,593
Finland -----	184,577	160,941	147,830	191,190
Hungary -----	20,572	26,495	26,438	29,886
Japan -----	4,356,644	4,291,332	3,891,877	3,959,710
Mexico -----	367,873	429,320	389,888	379,610
Peoples Rep of China -----	41,919	51,093	46,518	58,179
Poland -----	60,609	90,476	85,686	85,360
Portugal -----	27,654	31,087	31,033	22,443
Romania -----	87,616	82,408	76,686	102,529
Republic of South Africa -----	456,634	7,437	5,445	1,693
Korea, Republic of -----	1,610,116	1,407,830	1,285,788	1,348,291
Spain -----	590,902	484,083	447,954	398,335
Trinidad and Tobago -----	77,219	62,575	58,601	27,013
Venezuela -----	141,503	130,749	101,223	113,812
Yugoslavia -----	24,954	15,394	13,607	11,653
Total-----	14,444,092	12,702,047	11,588,623	12,047,814
Other countries:				
Canada -----	3,160,374	3,673,795	3,380,925	3,166,185
Turkey -----	150,345	407,413	347,083	304,492
Argentina -----	177,808	343,363	317,628	518,276
Sweden -----	240,961	267,311	239,311	248,530
Taiwan -----	500,835	263,415	241,574	238,486
Indonesia -----	37,903	234,667	208,489	268,550
Singapore -----	115,307	144,538	126,553	151,775
Thailand -----	67,022	120,179	104,079	149,968
Norway -----	96,802	109,791	103,362	115,013
Malaysia -----	22,547	91,857	90,307	28,271
All others-----	190,801	291,103	270,165	395,530
Total-----	4,760,705	5,947,432	5,429,476	5,585,076
Grand total-----	19,204,797	18,649,479	17,018,099	17,632,890

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8.--Steel other than semifinished steel: 1/ U.S. imports for consumption, and imports as a percent of apparent U.S. consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	1987	1988
	January-November			
	Import/consumption ratio (percent)			
<b>VRA countries:</b>				
Australia -----	.2	.2	.2	.2
Austria -----	.2	.1	.1	.1
Brazil -----	.8	.7	.7	.7
Czechoslovakia -----	2/	2/	2/	2/
East Germany -----	.1	.1	.1	.1
EC-----	6.1	4.7	4.8	4.6
Finland -----	.2	.2	.2	.2
Hungary -----	2/	2/	2/	2/
Japan -----	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.3
Mexico -----	.4	.5	.5	.4
Peoples Rep of China -----	2/	.1	.1	.1
Poland -----	.1	.1	.1	.1
Portugal -----	2/	2/	2/	2/
Romania -----	.1	.1	.1	.1
Republic of South Africa -----	.5	2/	2/	2/
Korea, Republic of -----	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.5
Spain -----	.7	.5	.5	.4
Trinidad and Tobago -----	.1	.1	.1	2/
Venezuela -----	.2	.1	.1	.1
Yugoslavia -----	2/	2/	2/	2/
Total-----	16.6	13.8	13.8	13.2
<b>Other countries:</b>				
Canada -----	3.6	4.0	4.0	3.5
Turkey -----	.2	.4	.4	.3
Argentina -----	.2	.4	.4	.6
Sweden -----	.3	.3	.3	.3
Taiwan -----	.6	.3	.3	.3
Indonesia -----	2/	.3	.2	.3
Singapore -----	.1	.2	.2	.2
Thailand -----	.1	.1	.1	.2
Norway -----	.1	.1	.1	.1
Malaysia -----	2/	.1	.1	2/
All others-----	.2	.3	.3	.4
Total-----	5.5	6.5	6.5	6.1
Grand total-----	22.1	20.3	20.3	19.3

1/ Semifinished steel includes ingots, blooms, billets, slabs, and sheet bars.

2/ Less than 0.05 percent.

Table 9.—Semifinished steel: 1/ U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1988 and 1988

Source	Voluntary restraint level 2/ level 2/			Quantity (short tons)	
		1986	1987	1987	January--November 1988
<b>VRA countries:</b>					
Australia	50,000	12,332	35	35	79,402
Austria	700,000	405,633	681,287	455,565	712,267
Brazil	3/	0	0	0	0
Czechoslovakia	3/	0	0	0	0
East Germany	4/	764,554	1	1	1,097,067
EC Countries	820,000	17,296	955,673	13,948	3,239
Finland	15,000	0	13,948	569	0
Hungary	3/	0	93,288	79,433	78,638
Japan	100,000	158,350	61,884	51,358	61,707
Mexico	100,000	67,413	0	13	0
Peoples Rep of China	3/	0	0	1,460	355
Poland	3/	0	0	0	0
Portugal	3/	0	0	0	0
Romania	100,000	61,901	22,578	22,578	0
Republic of South Africa	50,000	31,662	27,043	27,043	57,445
Spain	50,000	42,245	36,905	36,815	33,829
Trinidad and Tobago	3,500	0	0	0	3,058
Venezuela	60,000	0	39,822	38,455	49,663
Yugoslavia	3/	0	0	0	0
Total—	2,048,500	1,561,213	1,734,506	1,638,489	2,176,726
<b>Other countries:</b>					
Sweden	6/	308,968	342,056	317,503	299,717
Canada	6/	213,170	135,645	126,178	99,598
Norway	6/	0	64,440	30,367	48,070
New Zealand	6/	0	28,212	28,212	46,214
Argentina	6/	0	3,131	3,131	22,820
Indonesia	6/	0	906	906	4,154
Switzerland	6/	74	99	83	0
Peru	6/	551	0	0	0
U. S. S. R.	6/	226	0	0	47,073
Hong Kong	6/	3	0	0	0
All others	6/	117	0	0	0
Total—	6/	523,109	554,489	506,380	567,651
Grand total—	2,048,500	2,084,322	2,288,995	2,144,869	2,746,377

1/ Semifinished steel includes ingots, blooms, billets, slabs, and sheet bars.

2/ Restraint level applicable to year ending December 31, 1988.

3/ No explicit semifinished steel provisions.

4/ Includes 200,000 tons which may be imported at the discretion of the U.S. Trade Representative.

5/ Steel imports from South Africa in 1988 are reduced by the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, which embargoes certain steel products.

6/ Not applicable.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 10.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ semifinished steel: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November		
			1987	1988	
	Quantity (short tons)				
VRA countries:					
Australia -----	12,332	35	35	79,402	
Austria -----	9	0	0	0	
Brazil -----	405,474	467,926	442,204	710,584	
Czechoslovakia -----	0	0	0	0	
East Germany -----	0	1	1	0	
EC countries-----	763,434	949,332	904,876	1,093,640	
Finland -----	17,261	13,948	13,948	3,239	
Hungary -----	0	569	569	0	
Japan -----	155,609	89,683	76,029	76,703	
Mexico -----	67,413	61,884	51,358	61,707	
Peoples Rep of China -----	0	13	13	0	
Poland -----	0	1,460	1,460	279	
Portugal -----	0	0	0	0	
Romania -----	0	0	0	0	
Republic of South Africa -----	61,901	22,578	22,578	0	
Korea, Republic of -----	31,462	27,043	27,043	57,445	
Spain -----	41,702	36,537	36,537	30,268	
Trinidad and Tobago -----	0	0	0	3,058	
Venezuela -----	0	39,822	38,455	49,663	
Yugoslavia -----	0	0	0	0	
Total-----	1,556,597	1,710,831	1,615,106	2,165,988	
Other countries:					
Sweden -----	302,769	334,207	310,947	285,780	
Canada -----	206,363	110,445	103,138	67,236	
Norway -----	0	44,440	30,367	48,070	
New Zealand -----	0	28,212	28,212	46,214	
Argentina -----	0	3,131	3,131	22,820	
Indonesia -----	0	906	906	4,154	
Switzerland -----	74	99	83	2/	
Peru -----	551	0	0	0	
U. S. S. R. -----	226	0	0	47,078	
Hong Kong -----	3	0	0	0	
All others-----	117	0	0	0	
Total-----	510,103	521,440	476,784	521,352	
Grand total-----	2,066,700	2,232,271	2,091,890	2,687,340	

See footnote(s) at end of table.

Table 10.--Carbon and certain alloy <sup>1/</sup> semifinished steel: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November		
			1987	1988	
	Value (thousand dollars)				
VRA countries:					
Australia -----	1,846	6	6	15,165	
Austria -----	24	0	0	0	
Brazil -----	71,086	87,231	82,353	157,944	
Czechoslovakia -----	0	0	0	0	
East Germany -----	0	7	7	0	
EC countries-----	150,148	208,398	196,792	268,262	
Finland -----	3,190	2,945	2,945	770	
Hungary -----	0	128	128	0	
Japan -----	27,546	20,477	17,421	19,351	
Mexico -----	10,994	11,428	9,268	16,171	
Peoples Rep of China -----	0	30	30	0	
Poland -----	0	342	342	69	
Portugal -----	0	0	0	0	
Romania -----	0	0	0	0	
Republic of South Africa -----	9,683	3,548	3,548	0	
Korea, Republic of -----	5,586	4,809	4,809	14,573	
Spain -----	7,550	6,503	6,503	6,521	
Trinidad and Tobago -----	0	0	0	617	
Venezuela -----	0	6,708	6,470	11,049	
Yugoslavia -----	0	0	0	0	
Total-----	287,653	352,560	330,622	510,492	
Other countries:					
Sweden -----	61,934	76,098	70,555	72,060	
Canada -----	44,986	26,940	25,507	20,257	
Norway -----	0	8,098	5,532	10,637	
New Zealand -----	0	6,332	6,332	13,489	
Argentina -----	0	1,109	1,109	6,147	
Indonesia -----	0	242	242	1,196	
Switzerland -----	19	140	133	3	
Peru -----	541	0	0	0	
U. S. S. R. -----	204	0	0	6,946	
All others-----	40	0	0	0	
Total-----	107,724	118,959	109,410	130,735	
Grand total-----	395,377	471,519	440,032	641,227	

<sup>1/</sup> Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

<sup>2/</sup> Less than 0.5 short ton.

Table 11.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel plate: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November		
			1987	1988	
	Quantity (short tons)				
VRA countries:					
Australia -----:	2,057	5,014	4,826	5,658	
Austria -----:	8,380	9,701	9,239	21,042	
Brazil -----:	100,352	112,608	88,714	160,099	
Czechoslovakia -----:	11,490	10,416	10,416	16,455	
East Germany -----:	6,709	16,091	15,831	16,783	
EC countries-----:	479,658	381,994	352,270	422,727	
Finland -----:	78,057	69,486	64,470	86,259	
Hungary -----:	12,318	13,933	13,933	16,146	
Japan -----:	42,638	35,903	32,723	41,792	
Mexico -----:	14,570	12,930	11,839	16,720	
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0	0	0	26	
Poland -----:	11,247	30,633	28,832	29,164	
Portugal -----:	0	0	0	0	
Romania -----:	59,620	49,274	43,552	68,325	
Republic of South Africa -----:	83,134	465	465	0	
Korea, Republic of -----:	78,292	64,323	61,816	60,953	
Spain -----:	77,646	63,973	62,826	40,920	
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0	0	0	389	
Venezuela -----:	4,778	6,872	4,498	6,653	
Yugoslavia -----:	11,869	0	0	1,423	
Total-----:	1,082,815	883,616	806,250	1,011,534	
Other countries:					
Canada -----:	254,535	449,135	406,719	400,372	
Sweden -----:	70,057	106,253	98,986	101,641	
Indonesia -----:	7,596	46,701	28,971	82,525	
India -----:	10,940	35,711	35,711	34,780	
Argentina -----:	5,067	17,499	13,666	44,014	
Pakistan -----:	0	6,227	6,227	15,610	
Turkey -----:	22	6,145	4,118	5,946	
Rhodesia -----:	2,664	2,038	2,038	0	
Norway -----:	0	1,229	1,229	0	
Israel -----:	1,188	671	671	1,729	
All others-----:	5,491	352	351	34,693	
Total-----:	357,560	671,961	598,687	721,310	
Grand total-----:	1,440,375	1,555,577	1,404,937	1,732,844	

See footnote(s) at end of table.

Table 11.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel plate: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	1,073	2,285	2,191	3,032
Austria -----:	2,890	3,379	3,229	8,218
Brazil -----:	30,298	36,299	29,511	62,151
Czechoslovakia -----:	2,376	2,292	2,292	5,280
East Germany -----:	1,427	3,761	3,701	5,394
EC countries-----:	138,765	126,682	114,913	177,389
Finland -----:	19,511	18,573	17,042	35,078
Hungary -----:	2,781	3,104	3,104	4,494
Japan -----:	19,267	19,324	17,680	25,232
Mexico -----:	3,316	3,340	2,996	6,416
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0	0	0	28
Poland -----:	2,277	7,316	6,823	9,380
Portugal -----:	0	0	0	0
Romania -----:	14,463	13,447	11,676	22,680
Republic of South Africa -----:	20,980	145	145	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	21,674	21,560	20,542	25,081
Spain -----:	21,417	20,059	19,450	19,572
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0	0	0	122
Venezuela -----:	1,084	1,762	1,121	2,062
Yugoslavia -----:	2,881	0	0	461
Total-----:	306,480	283,328	256,416	412,070
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	84,532	155,991	140,618	167,456
Sweden -----:	23,347	40,807	37,665	48,059
Indonesia -----:	1,799	12,461	7,832	24,817
India -----:	2,551	13,055	13,055	14,024
Argentina -----:	1,238	4,317	3,277	13,853
Pakistan -----:	0	2,559	2,559	4,117
Turkey -----:	5	1,554	962	2,186
Rhodesia -----:	840	681	681	0
Norway -----:	0	508	508	0
Israel -----:	522	288	288	754
All others-----:	1,677	231	228	10,753
Total-----:	116,511	232,452	207,673	286,019
Grand total-----:	422,991	515,780	464,089	698,089

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

Table 12.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel sheet and strip: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	January--November			
	1986	1987	1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----	148,370	123,054	117,136	153,145
Austria -----	101,853	82,055	80,433	73,182
Brazil -----	320,745	343,715	315,066	247,044
Czechoslovakia -----	743	2,410	2,410	0
East Germany -----	41,841	61,012	59,052	47,691
EC countries-----	2,560,423	2,172,597	2,004,521	1,983,105
Finland -----	82,084	71,070	64,315	80,789
Hungary -----	8,232	9,600	9,600	13,130
Japan -----	2,445,266	2,381,393	2,180,412	2,037,460
Mexico -----	105,699	127,973	117,085	127,215
Peoples Rep of China -----	34	584	534	0
Poland -----	9,693	13,390	11,882	11,005
Portugal -----	26,547	29,872	29,872	16,837
Romania -----	6,111	3,665	3,665	6,731
Republic of South Africa -----	185,645	372	372	0
Korea, Republic of -----	664,256	603,796	556,176	438,821
Spain -----	165,958	100,179	98,080	83,972
Trinidad and Tobago -----	0	0	0	63
Venezuela -----	77,327	56,293	44,831	57,164
Yugoslavia -----	0	0	0	0
Total-----	6,950,827	6,183,030	5,695,442	5,377,354
Other countries:				
Canada -----	883,258	1,119,490	1,038,945	813,411
Argentina -----	108,394	175,619	165,612	240,554
Turkey -----	35,921	67,134	56,878	17,019
Sweden -----	46,191	61,509	52,126	48,433
Taiwan -----	54,232	60,024	54,779	77,469
Indonesia -----	3,252	24,966	22,714	20,138
Norway -----	15,560	15,629	15,264	12,723
Algeria -----	10,998	11,632	11,578	21,102
New Zealand -----	13,862	10,795	10,795	22,422
Pakistan -----	0	10,113	10,113	8,324
All others-----	4,540	6,653	6,652	6,595
Total-----	1,176,208	1,563,564	1,445,456	1,288,190
Grand total-----	8,127,035	7,746,594	7,140,898	6,665,544

See footnote(s) at end of table.

Table 12.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel sheet and strip: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November		
			1987	1988	
	Value (thousand dollars)				
VRA countries:					
Australia -----:	60,856	59,001	56,157	81,833	
Austria -----:	32,746	26,289	25,699	28,389	
Brazil -----:	94,568	119,782	109,419	98,269	
Czechoslovakia -----:	192	644	644	0	
East Germany -----:	11,130	17,087	16,528	16,939	
EC countries-----:	949,298	877,390	806,322	915,678	
Finland -----:	24,700	25,253	22,538	31,055	
Hungary -----:	1,871	2,371	2,371	3,729	
Japan -----:	1,168,831	1,208,940	1,104,918	1,118,915	
Mexico -----:	45,921	60,338	54,904	70,810	
Peoples Rep of China -----:	8	114	86	0	
Poland -----:	3,195	5,198	4,576	5,049	
Portugal -----:	10,687	14,108	14,108	8,172	
Romania -----:	2,368	1,246	1,246	2,176	
Republic of South Africa -----:	59,193	124	124	0	
Korea, Republic of -----:	229,043	234,228	214,679	187,154	
Spain -----:	62,503	40,855	39,790	38,885	
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0	0	0	19	
Venezuela -----:	24,685	18,728	14,962	22,043	
Yugoslavia -----:	0	0	0	0	
Total-----:	2,781,795	2,711,696	2,489,071	2,629,115	
Other countries:					
Canada -----:	345,314	463,992	431,136	362,951	
Argentina -----:	32,127	64,208	60,296	90,712	
Turkey -----:	11,900	27,144	22,773	6,256	
Sweden -----:	31,917	37,494	32,749	37,317	
Taiwan -----:	17,259	22,313	20,275	30,891	
Indonesia -----:	757	6,638	6,057	7,569	
Norway -----:	7,847	7,955	7,787	6,898	
Algeria -----:	3,812	4,076	4,052	8,668	
New Zealand -----:	8,195	5,600	5,600	8,744	
Pakistan -----:	0	2,221	2,221	3,600	
All others-----:	1,662	2,985	2,980	2,975	
Total-----:	460,790	644,626	595,926	566,581	
Grand total-----:	3,242,585	3,356,322	3,084,997	3,195,696	

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel. 17

Table 13.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel bars and light shapes: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----	174	117	117	822
Austria -----	692	394	333	673
Brazil -----	53,328	50,090	47,296	85,384
Czechoslovakia -----	0	0	0	0
East Germany -----	43	2	2	0
EC countries-----	252,311	209,024	189,679	200,416
Finland -----	2,788	2,752	2,606	3,380
Hungary -----	0	43	43	22
Japan -----	144,395	154,408	144,868	101,499
Mexico -----	20,138	31,521	28,976	20,416
Peoples Rep of China -----	13,844	4,820	4,107	3,129
Poland -----	471	1,037	884	1,145
Portugal -----	0	0	0	2/
Romania -----	0	122	122	29
Republic of South Africa -----	13,137	221	221	0
Korea, Republic of -----	72,422	56,173	49,941	65,938
Spain -----	33,006	30,581	27,295	35,096
Trinidad and Tobago -----	32,981	18,047	17,974	15,379
Venezuela -----	14,417	13,530	10,113	14,398
Yugoslavia -----	0	287	287	0
Total-----	654,147	573,169	524,864	547,726
Other countries:				
Canada -----	378,241	379,637	346,496	409,862
Turkey -----	46,064	94,882	78,608	100,972
Indonesia -----	167	44,957	44,461	51,369
Taiwan -----	173,446	44,665	41,093	31,190
Singapore -----	40,134	39,869	25,067	19,311
Malaysia -----	0	29,495	29,495	1,356
Norway -----	28,134	28,347	28,347	36,299
Argentina -----	13,194	18,954	17,272	45,332
India -----	8,936	10,014	9,307	10,523
Sweden -----	10,998	7,255	6,732	8,077
All others-----	40,270	9,924	9,621	6,509
Total-----	739,584	707,999	636,499	720,800
Grand total-----	1,393,731	1,281,168	1,161,363	1,268,526

See footnote(s) at end of table.

Table 13.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel bars and light shapes: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	119 :	92 :	92 :	328
Austria -----:	828 :	590 :	500 :	633
Brazil -----:	14,160 :	15,461 :	14,422 :	25,801
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	13 :	1 :	1 :	0
EC countries-----:	104,843 :	154,145 :	145,115 :	104,194
Finland -----:	1,504 :	1,685 :	1,589 :	2,206
Hungary -----:	0 :	14 :	14 :	9
Japan -----:	58,397 :	62,568 :	58,171 :	46,003
Mexico -----:	5,702 :	8,595 :	7,585 :	7,755
Peoples Rep of China -----:	3,074 :	1,683 :	1,432 :	1,198
Poland -----:	314 :	548 :	459 :	749
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	2
Romania -----:	0 :	600 :	600 :	103
Republic of South Africa -----:	2,930 :	71 :	71 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	18,324 :	15,094 :	13,426 :	18,048
Spain -----:	11,077 :	11,163 :	9,893 :	15,188
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	8,502 :	5,496 :	5,478 :	3,959
Venezuela -----:	3,229 :	3,187 :	2,429 :	3,844
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	73 :	73 :	0
Total-----:	233,016 :	281,066 :	261,350 :	230,020
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	137,503 :	146,520 :	133,513 :	177,557
Turkey -----:	10,100 :	24,960 :	21,348 :	27,214
Indonesia -----:	36 :	9,076 :	8,972 :	13,948
Taiwan -----:	40,070 :	11,531 :	10,535 :	9,646
Singapore -----:	9,055 :	10,128 :	6,997 :	5,104
Malaysia -----:	0 :	7,372 :	7,372 :	550
Norway -----:	5,801 :	5,906 :	5,906 :	8,948
Argentina -----:	3,321 :	4,865 :	4,288 :	14,097
India -----:	3,394 :	3,490 :	3,212 :	3,656
Sweden -----:	5,868 :	4,732 :	4,413 :	4,993
All others-----:	10,063 :	2,633 :	2,443 :	2,174
Total-----:	225,211 :	231,213 :	208,999 :	267,887
Grand total-----:	458,227 :	512,279 :	470,349 :	497,907

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel. 19  
 2/ Less than 0.5 short ton.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 14.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel wire rod: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----	10,953	9,664	9,664	8,272
Austria -----	2,040	401	401	394
Brazil -----	50,172	50,183	48,494	55,918
Czechoslovakia -----	16,668	10,307	10,307	13,661
East Germany -----	10,485	12,806	12,806	16,306
EC countries-----	244,578	235,247	208,357	216,455
Finland -----	6,736	2,237	2,237	2,237
Hungary -----	0	2,862	2,862	0
Japan -----	263,715	245,672	224,690	250,615
Mexico -----	60,523	62,826	54,123	52,338
Peoples Rep of China -----	0	0	0	27
Poland -----	0	0	0	7,606
Portugal -----	0	0	0	4,451
Romania -----	0	0	0	0
Republic of South Africa -----	14,971	0	0	0
Korea, Republic of -----	94	432	355	772
Spain -----	48,926	40,302	33,445	34,672
Trinidad and Tobago -----	44,035	43,094	39,418	9,889
Venezuela -----	2,248	4,471	0	8,916
Yugoslavia -----	0	0	0	0
Total-----	776,144	720,504	647,159	682,529
Other countries:				
Canada -----	376,954	390,071	358,835	342,079
Indonesia -----	26,888	97,932	95,068	84,414
Turkey -----	23,523	61,072	44,982	126,791
Singapore -----	33,065	60,425	60,425	81,875
Malaysia -----	18,074	47,789	47,789	2,355
Saudi Arabia -----	0	42,619	35,767	17,972
Taiwan -----	42,042	15,798	14,522	16,843
Sweden -----	41,688	10,079	8,914	17,331
New Zealand -----	559	1,505	1,505	0
Dominican Republic -----	4	765	765	0
All others-----	5,316	161	156	11,621
Total-----	568,113	728,216	668,728	701,281
Grand total-----	1,344,257	1,448,720	1,315,887	1,383,810

See footnote(s) at end of table.

Table 14.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel wire rod: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	2,183	1,983	1,983	1,772
Austria -----:	677	179	179	188
Brazil -----:	9,730	12,145	11,741	15,536
Czechoslovakia -----:	3,239	2,164	2,164	3,234
East Germany -----:	2,130	2,585	2,585	3,547
EC countries-----:	79,431	84,580	74,502	85,094
Finland -----:	2,035	692	692	741
Hungary -----:	0	557	557	0
Japan -----:	110,977	103,044	94,175	112,116
Mexico -----:	12,961	14,093	12,229	13,803
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0	0	0	9
Poland -----:	0	0	0	1,612
Portugal -----:	0	0	0	1,123
Romania -----:	0	0	0	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	3,323	0	0	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	61	179	147	337
Spain -----:	12,776	11,411	9,648	9,609
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	9,911	9,538	8,593	2,778
Venezuela -----:	486	1,014	0	2,000
Yugoslavia -----:	0	0	0	0
Total-----:	249,920	244,164	219,195	253,499
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	120,938	127,412	116,998	124,338
Indonesia -----:	6,995	21,082	20,443	20,363
Turkey -----:	5,354	13,673	9,958	32,337
Singapore -----:	7,633	14,388	14,388	21,975
Malaysia -----:	4,072	11,059	11,059	622
Saudi Arabia -----:	0	8,616	7,216	3,719
Taiwan -----:	13,766	6,199	5,735	6,764
Sweden -----:	16,323	6,215	5,528	8,972
New Zealand -----:	967	310	310	0
Dominican Republic -----:	1	157	157	0
All others-----:	1,411	42	40	2,849
Total-----:	177,460	209,153	191,832	221,939
Grand total-----:	427,380	453,317	411,027	475,438

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel. 21

Table 15.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel wire: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	4,560	4,963	4,629	4,321
Austria -----:	1,950	2,484	2,299	1,580
Brazil -----:	10,693	10,577	9,480	13,339
Czechoslovakia -----:	0	0	0	0
East Germany -----:	191	89	89	0
EC countries-----:	173,859	174,468	159,727	155,791
Finland -----:	1,241	400	372	459
Hungary -----:	22	57	0	0
Japan -----:	108,486	96,684	88,958	71,900
Mexico -----:	3,024	3,991	3,930	2,426
Peoples Rep of China -----:	4,400	7,302	6,974	9,129
Poland -----:	121	2	2	116
Portugal -----:	0	0	0	0
Romania -----:	0	0	0	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	11,973	187	187	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	10,949	8,226	7,097	6,034
Spain -----:	79	40	40	22
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	198	1,435	1,208	1,060
Venezuela -----:	6,782	7,717	6,966	5,823
Yugoslavia -----:	0	42	42	3
Total-----:	338,528	318,664	292,000	272,003
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	203,478	194,819	180,332	183,514
Sweden -----:	8,620	7,745	7,014	6,625
Taiwan -----:	2,843	3,217	2,917	4,754
Bahamas -----:	2,742	2,708	2,708	0
India -----:	1,337	2,572	2,338	3,824
Norway -----:	1,681	2,476	2,348	1,252
Chile -----:	600	1,379	1,200	2,102
Switzerland -----:	1,914	1,372	1,254	2,194
Argentina -----:	695	1,170	1,133	2,411
Israel -----:	320	305	282	443
All others-----:	1,723	469	399	5,515
Total-----:	225,953	218,232	201,925	212,634
Grand total-----:	564,481	536,896	493,925	484,637

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Table 15.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel wire: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	2,109	2,329	2,178	1,934
Austria -----:	2,375	3,613	3,334	2,409
Brazil -----:	4,651	4,944	4,466	5,806
Czechoslovakia -----:	0	0	0	0
East Germany -----:	49	24	24	0
EC countries-----:	118,582	129,054	116,937	129,457
Finland -----:	553	170	158	220
Hungary -----:	15	17	0	0
Japan -----:	73,147	64,973	59,527	56,135
Mexico -----:	1,302	1,681	1,661	1,175
Peoples Rep of China -----:	1,671	2,868	2,745	3,920
Poland -----:	33	3	3	59
Portugal -----:	0	0	0	0
Romania -----:	0	0	0	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	4,524	85	85	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	6,450	4,882	4,141	3,794
Spain -----:	29	33	33	37
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	315	448	366	354
Venezuela -----:	3,099	3,802	3,454	2,988
Yugoslavia -----:	0	24	24	9
Total-----:	218,904	218,950	199,136	208,297
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	106,212	101,960	93,994	103,836
Sweden -----:	10,463	10,304	9,355	9,626
Taiwan -----:	1,786	1,964	1,750	2,745
Bahamas -----:	872	925	925	0
India -----:	540	883	805	1,424
Norway -----:	973	1,427	1,344	1,146
Chile -----:	244	532	465	927
Switzerland -----:	1,044	898	836	1,295
Argentina -----:	324	499	487	1,202
Israel -----:	159	238	228	235
All others-----:	748	231	202	1,530
Total-----:	123,365	119,861	110,391	123,966
Grand total-----:	342,269	338,811	309,527	332,263

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

Table 16.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel wire products: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
	1986	1987	1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----	53	291	290	2
Austria -----	2,954	1,113	1,009	711
Brazil -----	14,021	10,382	9,576	13,239
Czechoslovakia -----	0	0	0	0
East Germany -----	0	0	0	0
EC countries-----	53,443	34,544	32,488	21,569
Finland -----	1	0	0	1
Hungary -----	0	0	0	0
Japan -----	50,437	50,318	47,171	21,237
Mexico -----	12,755	14,577	13,162	12,156
Peoples Rep of China -----	22,111	36,253	33,374	33,331
Poland -----	16,778	19,213	18,091	15,130
Portugal -----	416	683	629	328
Romania -----	3,210	6,859	6,859	143
Republic of South Africa -----	13,931	4,340	2,367	1,550
Korea, Republic of -----	196,032	186,794	168,909	175,180
Spain -----	30,620	18,997	18,075	13,021
Trinidad and Tobago -----	0	0	0	94
Venezuela -----	680	2,683	2,661	1,274
Yugoslavia -----	7,027	7,882	7,239	6,216
Total-----	424,469	394,929	361,900	315,182
Other countries:				
Canada -----	122,483	106,028	100,360	94,439
Taiwan -----	38,141	37,689	35,681	13,067
Turkey -----	21,037	37,393	35,404	22,842
Thailand -----	5,525	20,516	19,814	8,332
Argentina -----	6,988	12,069	11,693	15,657
Indonesia -----	0	11,116	9,390	16,287
Chile -----	4,984	10,919	10,036	7,952
United Arab Emirates -----	360	7,787	6,657	18,370
Israel -----	5,180	2,817	2,717	1,814
Tunisia -----	24	1,079	1,079	41
All others-----	7,399	7,037	6,087	12,757
Total-----	212,121	254,450	238,918	211,558
Grand total-----	636,590	649,379	600,818	526,740

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Table 16.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel wire products: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	53 :	249 :	243 :	17
Austria -----:	3,600 :	1,973 :	1,764 :	1,292
Brazil -----:	5,133 :	4,592 :	4,226 :	6,211
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	38,480 :	27,128 :	25,423 :	22,579
Finland -----:	4 :	0 :	0 :	95
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	41,249 :	46,874 :	43,456 :	25,937
Mexico -----:	6,585 :	7,758 :	6,996 :	7,980
Peoples Rep of China -----:	10,661 :	17,786 :	16,617 :	13,196
Poland -----:	5,735 :	7,056 :	6,633 :	5,075
Portugal -----:	414 :	820 :	742 :	454
Romania -----:	986 :	2,424 :	2,424 :	44
Republic of South Africa -----:	7,140 :	2,199 :	1,186 :	792
Korea, Republic of -----:	125,730 :	128,818 :	116,760 :	124,953
Spain -----:	14,164 :	11,866 :	11,354 :	7,687
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	27
Venezuela -----:	292 :	498 :	492 :	361
Yugoslavia -----:	2,403 :	2,845 :	2,632 :	2,644
Total-----:	262,629 :	262,886 :	240,948 :	219,344
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	77,974 :	73,873 :	69,939 :	67,289
Taiwan -----:	21,780 :	24,306 :	22,822 :	11,421
Turkey -----:	7,252 :	12,966 :	12,288 :	8,386
Thailand -----:	2,527 :	10,027 :	9,684 :	5,034
Argentina -----:	2,522 :	5,105 :	4,950 :	6,841
Indonesia -----:	0 :	4,341 :	3,649 :	5,979
Chile -----:	1,810 :	4,662 :	4,238 :	3,716
United Arab Emirates -----:	122 :	2,582 :	2,180 :	6,850
Israel -----:	2,702 :	1,900 :	1,811 :	1,886
Tunisia -----:	16 :	611 :	611 :	23
All others-----:	5,220 :	4,831 :	4,369 :	7,507
Total-----:	121,925 :	145,204 :	136,541 :	124,932
Grand total-----:	384,554 :	408,090 :	377,489 :	344,276

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

Table 17.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel structural shapes and units: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	389 :	55 :	55 :	139
Austria -----:	616 :	377 :	350 :	1,499
Brazil -----:	7,269 :	11,926 :	11,704 :	19,304
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	4 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	755,615 :	645,485 :	573,599 :	636,885
Finland -----:	985 :	341 :	341 :	118
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	469,071 :	629,977 :	559,616 :	566,714
Mexico -----:	18,361 :	17,953 :	14,846 :	21,703
Peoples Rep of China -----:	44 :	8 :	8 :	208
Poland -----:	16,532 :	18,559 :	18,372 :	14,059
Portugal -----:	35 :	122 :	122 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	85,839 :	933 :	913 :	143
Korea, Republic of -----:	90,661 :	135,070 :	122,733 :	154,324
Spain -----:	176,833 :	177,434 :	161,511 :	148,210
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----:	34 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	263
Total-----:	1,622,288 :	1,638,240 :	1,464,170 :	1,563,569
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	454,749 :	398,180 :	367,479 :	323,270
Norway -----:	42,747 :	61,316 :	55,429 :	64,361
Argentina -----:	4,162 :	17,757 :	14,651 :	27,515
Taiwan -----:	30,683 :	17,179 :	15,783 :	8,515
New Zealand -----:	8,069 :	9,076 :	8,217 :	7,470
Singapore -----:	12,081 :	6,702 :	6,702 :	3,004
Sweden -----:	2,170 :	2,170 :	2,148 :	3,844
Israel -----:	2,300 :	1,379 :	1,348 :	208
Mauritius -----:	0 :	906 :	906 :	0
India -----:	62 :	258 :	258 :	378
All others-----:	344 :	506 :	443 :	6,034
Total-----:	557,367 :	515,429 :	473,364 :	444,599
Grand total-----:	2,179,655 :	2,153,669 :	1,937,534 :	2,008,168

See footnote(s) at end of table.

Table 17.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel structural shapes and units: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	240	54	54	133
Austria -----:	1,402	1,455	1,274	1,737
Brazil -----:	2,580	4,099	4,029	7,963
Czechoslovakia -----:	0	0	0	0
East Germany -----:	3	0	0	0
EC countries-----:	249,427	222,416	195,750	257,979
Finland -----:	1,189	336	336	248
Hungary -----:	0	0	0	0
Japan -----:	155,723	189,574	167,728	216,052
Mexico -----:	7,998	7,074	5,888	10,080
Peoples Rep of China -----:	21	71	71	154
Poland -----:	3,631	3,990	3,945	3,587
Portugal -----:	87	78	78	0
Romania -----:	0	0	0	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	23,349	573	565	694
Korea, Republic of -----:	40,984	59,530	53,727	77,942
Spain -----:	52,245	48,816	43,888	54,176
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0	0	0	0
Venezuela -----:	22	0	0	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0	0	0	393
Total-----:	538,901	538,066	477,333	631,138
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	251,967	220,522	202,869	191,720
Norway -----:	10,392	15,052	13,553	21,943
Argentina -----:	1,239	4,186	3,431	7,266
Taiwan -----:	18,634	9,331	8,664	4,971
New Zealand -----:	8,770	9,040	8,070	7,705
Singapore -----:	6,910	4,293	4,293	2,776
Sweden -----:	4,563	7,243	7,175	5,275
Israel -----:	3,353	5,483	5,332	403
Mauritius -----:	0	260	260	0
India -----:	60	203	203	314
All others-----:	672	1,238	1,169	3,699
Total-----:	306,560	276,851	255,019	246,072
Grand total-----:	845,461	814,917	732,352	877,210

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

Table 18.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel rails and related products: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
	1987	1988		
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----	269	30	30	2
Austria -----	133	5	5	444
Brazil -----	1,874	2,440	2,195	4,115
Czechoslovakia -----	0	0	0	0
East Germany -----	0	0	0	1
EC countries-----	84,441	42,340	35,713	48,012
Finland -----	1	1	2/	3
Hungary -----	0	0	0	2
Japan -----	93,700	84,891	78,292	72,825
Mexico -----	116	46	46	25
Peoples Rep of China -----	683	45	45	25
Poland -----	0	0	0	0
Portugal -----	3	0	0	827
Romania -----	0	0	0	0
Republic of South Africa -----	388	879	879	2/
Korea, Republic of -----	8,101	5,803	4,817	6,346
Spain -----	10	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago -----	0	0	0	0
Venezuela -----	0	344	344	77
Yugoslavia -----	2/	0	0	0
Total-----	189,719	136,824	122,366	132,704
Other countries:				
Canada -----	84,924	101,439	84,611	161,957
Sweden -----	579	7,424	3,591	3,064
Taiwan -----	365	168	154	114
Mauritius -----	0	66	66	0
Israel -----	98	33	33	0
New Zealand -----	0	25	25	0
Argentina -----	0	6	6	6
Switzerland -----	2/	3	3	0
Honduras -----	0	0	0	2/
Bahamas -----	1	0	0	0
All others-----	24	0	0	12
Total-----	85,991	109,164	88,489	165,153
Grand total-----	275,710	245,988	210,855	297,857

See footnote(s) at end of table.

Table 18.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel rails and related products: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November		
			1987	1988	
	Value (thousand dollars)				
VRA countries:					
Australia -----:	286	15	15	7	
Austria -----:	746	37	37	176	
Brazil -----:	1,125	2,016	1,822	3,404	
Czechoslovakia -----:	0	0	0	0	
East Germany -----:	0	0	0	5	
EC countries-----:	33,288	17,563	14,736	22,377	
Finland -----:	2	5	3	14	
Hungary -----:	0	0	0	12	
Japan -----:	37,655	34,066	31,285	35,355	
Mexico -----:	36	14	14	30	
Peoples Rep of China -----:	1,070	32	32	9	
Poland -----:	0	0	0	0	
Portugal -----:	9	0	0	571	
Romania -----:	0	0	0	0	
Republic of South Africa -----:	222	563	563	1	
Korea, Republic of -----:	2,836	1,863	1,704	2,337	
Spain -----:	34	0	0	0	
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0	0	0	0	
Venezuela -----:	0	70	70	24	
Yugoslavia -----:	1	0	0	0	
Total-----:	77,310	56,244	50,281	64,322	
Other countries:					
Canada -----:	11,244	20,479	16,125	47,106	
Sweden -----:	211	2,553	1,326	1,001	
Taiwan -----:	570	302	273	256	
Mauritius -----:	0	27	27	0	
Israel -----:	237	76	76	0	
New Zealand -----:	0	134	134	0	
Argentina -----:	0	24	24	17	
Switzerland -----:	11	46	38	0	
Honduras -----:	0	0	0	2	
All others-----:	30	0	0	48	
Total-----:	12,303	23,641	18,023	48,430	
Grand total-----:	89,613	79,885	68,304	112,752	

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

2/ Less than 0.5 short ton.

Table 19.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel pipe and tube: U.S. imports for U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November		
			-----		
			1987	1988	-----
Quantity (short tons)					
VRA countries:					
Australia -----	13,068	11,869	11,207	12,375	
Austria -----	10,774	19,766	17,945	24,722	
Brazil -----	158,996	75,669	67,311	74,023	
Czechoslovakia -----	3,348	6,660	6,384	6,138	
East Germany -----	1,414	5,909	5,909	7,828	
EC countries-----	544,306	383,341	362,638	430,028	
Finland -----	2,402	5,968	5,431	9,385	
Hungary -----	0	0	0	585	
Japan -----	669,349	542,452	471,186	736,929	
Mexico -----	120,678	137,761	128,426	117,119	
Peoples Rep of China -----	7.96	2,056	1,455	12,198	
Poland -----	5,472	7,267	7,267	6,945	
Portugal -----	652	410	410	0	
Romania -----	18,674	22,488	22,488	27,284	
Republic of South Africa -----	44,941	40	40	0	
Korea, Republic of -----	473,648	331,525	299,890	428,474	
Spain -----	40,643	32,753	29,008	23,905	
Trinidad and Tobago -----	6	0	0	0	
Venezuela -----	35,237	38,840	31,809	19,506	
Yugoslavia -----	6,048	7,183	6,039	3,732	
Total-----	2,150,452	1,631,957	1,474,843	1,941,176	
Other countries:					
Canada -----	383,430	514,456	478,030	414,984	
Turkey -----	23,701	140,786	127,092	30,902	
Argentina -----	37,948	100,108	93,439	142,746	
Thailand -----	61,497	93,717	78,320	140,285	
Taiwan -----	146,515	79,176	71,962	78,858	
Singapore -----	30,015	37,408	34,225	46,383	
Sweden -----	23,201	30,146	28,149	25,263	
Saudi Arabia -----	4,705	18,036	16,187	11,300	
Algeria -----	1,303	15,592	15,592	21,502	
Switzerland -----	9,049	14,091	12,455	14,993	
All others-----	51,213	73,171	65,584	127,235	
Total-----	772,577	1,116,687	1,021,035	1,054,451	
Grand total-----	2,923,029	2,748,644	2,495,878	2,995,627	

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Table 19.--Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel pipe and tube: U.S. imports for U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	4,090	4,265	4,024	4,959
Austria -----:	6,637	11,963	10,608	21,474
Brazil -----:	60,073	32,186	28,680	34,978
Czechoslovakia -----:	1,126	2,057	1,971	2,885
East Germany -----:	548	1,862	1,862	4,115
EC countries-----:	267,898	197,587	184,390	300,054
Finland -----:	767	1,915	1,711	4,075
Hungary -----:	0	0	0	266
Japan -----:	361,854	295,849	252,219	551,975
Mexico -----:	43,283	57,935	53,836	64,355
Peoples Rep of China -----:	208	895	615	4,515
Poland -----:	1,571	2,219	2,219	2,552
Portugal -----:	279	157	157	0
Romania -----:	5,758	7,377	7,377	11,018
Republic of South Africa -----:	13,291	15	15	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	178,206	137,101	122,580	205,441
Spain -----:	17,717	16,510	14,657	20,402
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	5	0	0	0
Venezuela -----:	11,700	13,066	10,584	7,533
Yugoslavia -----:	1,982	2,462	2,079	2,036
Total-----:	976,993	785,421	699,584	1,242,633
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	179,832	254,194	235,172	253,901
Turkey -----:	6,504	43,271	38,015	13,789
Argentina -----:	14,160	38,060	35,524	74,005
Thailand -----:	19,224	32,613	27,043	54,781
Taiwan -----:	46,185	28,607	25,756	35,198
Singapore -----:	10,066	13,763	12,631	19,274
Sweden -----:	14,268	21,798	19,947	21,948
Saudi Arabia -----:	1,947	7,847	7,018	5,947
Algeria -----:	261	3,756	3,756	5,957
Switzerland -----:	5,550	6,502	5,845	6,915
All others-----:	19,775	26,747	23,727	56,791
Total-----:	317,772	477,158	434,434	548,506
Grand total-----:	1,294,765	1,262,579	1,134,018	1,791,139

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel. 31

Table 20. Total, carbon and certain 1/ alloy steel products: U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November		
	1986	1987	1987	1988	
	Quantity (short tons)				
VRA countries:					
Australia -----	192,227	155,092	147,989	264,140	
Austria -----	129,400	116,298	112,013	124,247	
Brazil -----	1,122,924	1,135,516	1,042,041	1,383,049	
Czechoslovakia -----	32,249	29,792	29,517	36,254	
East Germany -----	60,687	95,910	93,690	88,609	
EC countries-----	5,912,068	5,228,372	4,823,867	5,208,629	
Finland -----	191,555	166,202	153,719	185,870	
Hungary -----	20,572	27,064	27,007	29,886	
Japan -----	4,442,667	4,311,383	3,903,945	3,977,673	
Mexico -----	423,275	471,462	423,792	431,826	
Peoples Rep of China -----	41,912	51,081	46,510	58,074	
Poland -----	60,314	91,561	86,791	85,449	
Portugal -----	27,654	31,087	31,033	22,443	
Romania -----	87,616	82,408	76,686	102,512	
Republic of South Africa -----	515,860	30,015	28,023	1,693	
Korea, Republic of -----	1,625,917	1,419,183	1,298,776	1,394,289	
Spain -----	615,423	500,796	466,816	410,086	
Trinidad and Tobago -----	77,219	62,575	58,601	29,932	
Venezuela -----	141,503	170,571	139,678	163,475	
Yugoslavia -----	24,944	15,394	13,607	11,635	
Total-----	15,745,986	14,191,762	13,004,101	14,009,771	
Other countries:					
Canada -----	3,348,415	3,763,701	3,464,945	3,211,125	
Sweden -----	506,346	566,885	518,700	500,102	
Turkey -----	150,268	407,413	347,083	304,492	
Argentina -----	177,545	346,313	320,602	541,055	
Taiwan -----	492,205	257,931	236,906	230,872	
Indonesia -----	37,903	235,573	209,395	272,705	
Norway -----	96,764	154,194	133,691	163,084	
Singapore -----	115,295	144,538	126,553	151,775	
Thailand -----	67,022	120,179	104,079	149,792	
Malaysia -----	22,547	91,854	90,305	28,271	
All others-----	191,265	318,562	297,630	488,060	
Total-----	5,205,575	6,407,143	5,849,889	6,041,333	
Grand total-----	20,951,561	20,598,905	18,853,990	20,051,104	

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Table 20. Total, carbon and certain 1/ alloy steel products: U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November		
	1986	1987	1987	1988	
	Value (thousand dollars)				
VRA countries:					
Australia -----	72,855	70,279	66,943	109,180	
Austria -----	51,925	49,477	46,624	64,516	
Brazil -----	293,404	318,756	290,668	418,064	
Czechoslovakia -----	6,934	7,156	7,071	11,400	
East Germany -----	15,298	25,328	24,709	30,000	
EC countries-----	2,130,160	2,044,943	1,874,879	2,283,064	
Finland -----	53,455	51,574	47,014	74,502	
Hungary -----	4,666	6,191	6,174	8,510	
Japan -----	2,054,647	2,045,689	1,846,580	2,207,070	
Mexico -----	138,098	172,255	155,376	198,575	
Peoples Rep of China -----	16,712	23,479	21,628	23,028	
Poland -----	16,756	26,671	24,999	28,133	
Portugal -----	11,477	15,163	15,085	10,321	
Romania -----	23,574	25,093	23,323	36,022	
Republic of South Africa ----	144,637	7,322	6,301	1,487	
Korea, Republic of -----	628,894	608,066	552,515	659,661	
Spain -----	199,512	167,216	155,215	172,079	
Trinidad and Tobago -----	18,733	15,482	14,438	7,876	
Venezuela -----	44,596	48,835	39,581	51,905	
Yugoslavia -----	7,267	5,404	4,808	5,542	
Total-----	5,933,600	5,734,379	5,223,931	6,400,935	
Other countries:					
Canada -----	1,360,503	1,591,881	1,465,869	1,516,411	
Sweden -----	169,088	207,367	188,826	209,358	
Turkey -----	41,114	123,568	105,344	90,175	
Argentina -----	55,192	122,372	113,386	214,140	
Taiwan -----	161,213	104,597	95,850	101,941	
Indonesia -----	9,587	56,949	49,914	78,933	
Norway -----	28,599	39,717	35,356	50,120	
Singapore -----	33,669	42,953	38,690	49,614	
Thailand -----	21,750	43,817	37,904	60,432	
Malaysia -----	5,586	23,733	23,139	11,401	
All others-----	83,317	122,163	113,971	182,542	
Total-----	1,969,618	2,479,117	2,268,249	2,565,067	
Grand total-----	7,903,218	8,213,496	7,492,180	8,966,002	

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

Table 21.--Stainless semifinished steel: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Austria -----:	18 :	0 :	0 :	58
Brazil -----:	159 :	13,361 :	13,361 :	1,683
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	1,120 :	6,340 :	6,340 :	3,426
Finland -----:	35 :	0 :	0 :	0
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	2,741 :	3,605 :	3,404 :	1,935
Mexico -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Poland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	74
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Spain -----:	543 :	368 :	279 :	3,561
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	4,616 :	23,674 :	23,384 :	10,737
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	6,808 :	25,200 :	23,040 :	32,362
Sweden -----:	6,199 :	7,849 :	6,556 :	13,937
Total-----:	13,007 :	33,049 :	29,596 :	46,299
Grand total-----:	17,623 :	56,723 :	52,980 :	57,036

Table 21.--Stainless semifinished steel: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Austria -----:	41 :	0 :	0 :	189
Brazil -----:	220 :	3,904 :	3,904 :	542
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	1,635 :	4,418 :	4,401 :	5,333
Finland -----:	50 :	0 :	0 :	0
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	2,978 :	3,581 :	3,329 :	2,906
Mexico -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Poland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	102
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Spain -----:	343 :	1,566 :	1,047 :	4,572
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	5,267 :	13,469 :	12,681 :	13,644
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	6,301 :	25,133 :	22,864 :	50,810
Sweden -----:	6,913 :	7,692 :	6,257 :	22,046
Total-----:	13,214 :	32,825 :	29,121 :	72,856
Grand total-----:	18,481 :	46,294 :	41,802 :	86,500

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 22.--Stainless steel plate: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Austria -----:	127 :	96 :	94 :	232
Brazil -----:	6 :	36 :	0 :	0
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	12,505 :	5,278 :	4,634 :	6,701
Finland -----:	968 :	2,369 :	2,307 :	2,651
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	860 :	1,558 :	1,414 :	2,118
Mexico -----:	0 :	2 :	2 :	0
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Poland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	199 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Spain -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	14,665 :	9,339 :	8,451 :	11,702
Other countries:				
Sweden -----:	1,724 :	1,744 :	1,651 :	1,666
Canada -----:	26 :	34 :	34 :	336
Total-----:	1,750 :	1,778 :	1,685 :	2,002
Grand total-----:	16,415 :	11,117 :	10,136 :	13,704

Table 22.--Stainless steel plate: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November 1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
<b>VRA countries:</b>				
Australia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Austria -----:	326 :	366 :	362 :	902
Brazil -----:	12 :	56 :	0 :	0
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	17,371 :	9,256 :	8,245 :	13,734
Finland -----:	1,317 :	3,590 :	3,488 :	5,908
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	1,379 :	2,339 :	2,105 :	4,199
Mexico -----:	0 :	2 :	2 :	0
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Poland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	216 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Spain -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	20,621 :	15,609 :	14,202 :	24,743
<b>Other countries:</b>				
Sweden -----:	4,124 :	3,986 :	3,752 :	4,388
Canada -----:	46 :	33 :	33 :	768
Total-----:	4,170 :	4,019 :	3,785 :	5,156
Grand total-----:	24,791 :	19,628 :	17,987 :	29,899

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 23.--Stainless steel sheet and strip: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November		
			1987	1988	
	Quantity (short tons)				
VRA countries:					
Australia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Austria -----:	57 :	52 :	51 :	29	
Brazil -----:	472 :	550 :	449 :	313	
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0	
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0	
EC countries-----:	67,087 :	41,504 :	37,550 :	41,356	
Finland -----:	9,272 :	6,296 :	5,752 :	5,903	
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0	
Japan -----:	22,110 :	25,733 :	23,316 :	20,758	
Mexico -----:	11,240 :	18,819 :	16,548 :	8,167	
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0 :	21 :	21 :	0	
Poland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0	
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0	
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0	
Republic of South Africa -----:	2,475 :	0 :	0 :	0	
Korea, Republic of -----:	10,065 :	9,450 :	8,446 :	7,596	
Spain -----:	11,887 :	13,700 :	12,343 :	12,404	
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0	
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0	
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0	
Total-----:	134,665 :	116,125 :	104,476 :	96,526	
Other countries:					
Sweden -----:	8,227 :	7,493 :	6,409 :	7,635	
Canada -----:	4,115 :	4,892 :	4,666 :	3,564	
Taiwan -----:	4,173 :	345 :	344 :	0	
India -----:	184 :	341 :	341 :	90	
Hong Kong -----:	0 :	41 :	41 :	0	
Norway -----:	0 :	37 :	37 :	0	
Jordan -----:	20 :	19 :	19 :	0	
Antigua -----:	0 :	1 :	1 :	0	
Honduras -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	19	
Panama -----:	48 :	0 :	0 :	0	
All others-----:	139 :	0 :	0 :	2	
Total-----:	16,906 :	13,169 :	11,858 :	11,310	
Grand total-----:	151,571 :	129,294 :	116,334 :	107,836	

Table 23.--Stainless steel sheet and strip: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Austria -----:	194 :	202 :	196 :	136
Brazil -----:	57.7 :	675 :	526 :	480
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	89,179 :	65,434 :	58,679 :	79,006
Finland -----:	13,588 :	9,834 :	8,896 :	13,024
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	35,055 :	43,684 :	39,573 :	45,141
Mexico -----:	15,853 :	30,157 :	26,629 :	14,783
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0 :	29 :	29 :	0
Poland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	2,814 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	13,218 :	14,459 :	12,861 :	16,708
Spain -----:	16,002 :	20,342 :	18,275 :	27,616
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	186,480 :	184,816 :	165,664 :	196,894
Other countries:				
Sweden -----:	17,505 :	17,785 :	15,342 :	21,819
Canada -----:	5,426 :	8,019 :	7,540 :	8,808
Taiwan -----:	5,474 :	464 :	439 :	0
India -----:	246 :	492 :	492 :	172
Hong Kong -----:	0 :	59 :	59 :	0
Norway -----:	0 :	16 :	16 :	0
Jordan -----:	37 :	37 :	37 :	0
Antigua -----:	0 :	11 :	11 :	0
Honduras -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	35
Panama -----:	62 :	0 :	0 :	0
All others-----:	204 :	0 :	0 :	26
Total-----:	28,954 :	26,883 :	23,936 :	30,860
Grand total-----:	215,434 :	211,699 :	189,600 :	227,754

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 24.--Stainless steel bars and shapes: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
<b>VRA countries:</b>				
Australia -----	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Austria -----	2 :	94 :	79 :	177
Brazil -----	2,636 :	1,450 :	1,268 :	3,699
Czechoslovakia -----	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----	6,481 :	5,899 :	5,368 :	7,901
Finland -----	36 :	0 :	0 :	0
Hungary -----	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----	19,297 :	19,259 :	17,992 :	15,110
Mexico -----	22 :	0 :	0 :	49
Peoples Rep of China -----	0 :	4 :	1 :	2
Poland -----	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Portugal -----	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----	0 :	0 :	0 :	18
Republic of South Africa -----	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----	1,643 :	2,582 :	2,269 :	1,512
Spain -----	3,221 :	3,826 :	3,282 :	3,920
Trinidad and Tobago -----	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>33,338 :</b>	<b>33,114 :</b>	<b>30,259 :</b>	<b>32,388</b>
<b>Other countries:</b>				
Sweden -----	3,359 :	3,200 :	2,759 :	3,459
Canada -----	1,056 :	1,269 :	1,173 :	1,375
India -----	0 :	126 :	126 :	224
Argentina -----	130 :	111 :	111 :	0
Switzerland -----	0 :	66 :	66 :	1/
Taiwan -----	4 :	59 :	40 :	36
Bulgaria -----	0 :	46 :	46 :	0
Jordan -----	2 :	0 :	0 :	0
Hong Kong -----	0 :	0 :	0 :	1/
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>4,551 :</b>	<b>4,877 :</b>	<b>4,321 :</b>	<b>5,094</b>
<b>Grand total-----</b>	<b>37,889 :</b>	<b>37,991 :</b>	<b>34,580 :</b>	<b>37,482</b>

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Table 24.--Stainless steel bars and shapes: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Austria -----:	5 :	257 :	215 :	400
Brazil -----:	4,841 :	2,503 :	2,214 :	5,523
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	13,529 :	11,437 :	10,469 :	18,111
Finland -----:	46 :	0 :	0 :	0
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	37,714 :	36,707 :	34,195 :	35,654
Mexico -----:	27 :	0 :	0 :	163
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0 :	75 :	14 :	40
Poland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	30
Republic of South Africa -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	2,920 :	4,294 :	3,793 :	3,140
Spain -----:	5,750 :	6,889 :	5,879 :	9,104
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	64,832 :	62,162 :	56,779 :	72,165
Other countries:				
Sweden -----:	6,726 :	6,180 :	5,317 :	8,196
Canada -----:	2,447 :	2,136 :	1,955 :	3,185
India -----:	0 :	199 :	199 :	420
Argentina -----:	246 :	201 :	201 :	0
Switzerland -----:	0 :	129 :	129 :	1
Taiwan -----:	5 :	108 :	77 :	113
Bulgaria -----:	0 :	70 :	70 :	0
Jordan -----:	7 :	0 :	0 :	0
Hong Kong -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	1
Total-----:	9,431 :	9,023 :	7,948 :	11,916
Grand total-----:	74,263 :	71,185 :	64,727 :	84,081

1/ Less than 0.5 short ton.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 25.--Stainless steel wire rod: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Austria -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	25
Brazil -----:	1,348 :	874 :	874 :	964
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	4,639 :	5,482 :	4,741 :	5,811
Finland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	6,101 :	5,544 :	4,988 :	5,002
Mexico -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Poland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	863 :	868 :	819 :	375
Spain -----:	1,682 :	1,542 :	1,371 :	1,615
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	138
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	17
Total-----:	14,633 :	14,310 :	12,793 :	13,947
Other countries:				
Sweden -----:	3,864 :	3,955 :	3,665 :	2,866
Taiwan -----:	0 :	47 :	28 :	148
Canada -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	1/
Total-----:	3,864 :	4,002 :	3,693 :	3,014
Grand total-----:	18,497 :	18,312 :	16,486 :	16,961

See footnote(s) at end of table.

Table 25.--Stainless steel wire rod: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Austria -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	34
Brazil -----:	1,619 :	1,224 :	1,224 :	1,543
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	8,410 :	11,089 :	9,491 :	14,912
Finland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	9,707 :	8,927 :	8,028 :	10,312
Mexico -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Poland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	1,112 :	1,150 :	1,079 :	552
Spain -----:	2,669 :	2,539 :	2,214 :	4,076
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	202
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	22
Total-----:	23,517 :	24,929 :	22,036 :	31,653
Other countries:				
Sweden -----:	6,619 :	6,995 :	6,442 :	6,975
Taiwan -----:	0 :	72 :	43 :	328
Canada -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	2
Total-----:	6,619 :	7,067 :	6,485 :	7,305
Grand total-----:	30,136 :	31,996 :	28,521 :	38,958

1/ Less than 0.5 short ton.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 26.--Stainless steel wire: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November		1988
	1986	1987	1987	1988	
	Quantity (short tons)				
VRA countries:					
Australia -----:	1	1	1	1	1
Austria -----:	15	37	37	11	
Brazil -----:	156	188	188	156	
Czechoslovakia -----:	0	0	0	0	
East Germany -----:	0	0	0	0	
EC countries-----:	6,257	6,763	5,973	6,701	
Finland -----:	0	0	0	0	
Hungary -----:	0	0	0	0	
Japan -----:	3,621	4,254	3,949	4,099	
Mexico -----:	0	0	0	1	
Peoples Rep of China -----:	6	0	0	0	
Poland -----:	0	71	71	0	
Portugal -----:	0	0	0	0	
Romania -----:	0	0	0	0	
Republic of South Africa -----:	0	0	0	0	
Korea, Republic of -----:	1,033	884	798	853	
Spain -----:	265	621	560	279	
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0	0	0	0	
Venezuela -----:	0	0	0	0	
Yugoslavia -----:	0	0	0	0	
Total-----:	11,354	12,818	11,576	12,100	
Other countries:					
Sweden -----:	2,459	2,555	2,330	2,478	
Canada -----:	2,483	2,043	1,907	2,180	
Taiwan -----:	1,191	1,462	1,330	1,071	
India -----:	0	77	58	180	
Israel -----:	0	65	65	0	
Switzerland -----:	42	47	47	237	
New Zealand -----:	0	15	15	0	
Singapore -----:	12	0	0	0	
Total-----:	6,187	6,264	5,752	6,146	
Grand total-----:	17,541	19,082	17,328	18,246	

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Table 26.--Stainless steel wire: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
	1986	1987	1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	91 :	64 :	64 :	39
Austria -----:	50 :	172 :	172 :	56
Brazil -----:	213 :	282 :	282 :	304
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	17,799 :	17,601 :	15,442 :	20,339
Finland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	11,367 :	13,957 :	12,891 :	16,148
Mexico -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	6
Peoples Rep of China -----:	13 :	0 :	0 :	0
Poland -----:	0 :	16 :	16 :	0
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	2,563 :	2,240 :	2,024 :	2,517
Spain -----:	489 :	1,280 :	1,163 :	725
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	32,585 :	35,612 :	32,054 :	40,134
Other countries:				
Sweden -----:	10,073 :	10,548 :	9,504 :	11,687
Canada -----:	6,594 :	6,960 :	6,476 :	9,126
Taiwan -----:	2,927 :	3,797 :	3,457 :	3,245
India -----:	0 :	159 :	120 :	343
Israel -----:	0 :	85 :	85 :	0
Switzerland -----:	128 :	170 :	170 :	1,086
New Zealand -----:	0 :	49 :	49 :	0
All others-----:	25 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	19,747 :	21,768 :	19,861 :	25,487
Grand total-----:	52,332 :	57,380 :	51,915 :	65,621

1/ Less than 0.5 short ton.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 27.--Stainless steel pipe and tube: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	23
Austria -----:	490 :	395 :	334 :	645
Brazil -----:	6 :	0 :	0 :	0
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	4,830 :	4,430 :	3,837 :	6,395
Finland -----:	6 :	0 :	0 :	1/
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	11,167 :	7,208 :	6,459 :	7,672
Mexico -----:	372 :	781 :	781 :	927
Peoples Rep of China -----:	1/ :	0 :	0 :	0
Poland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	773 :	517 :	434 :	377
Spain -----:	75 :	88 :	72 :	269
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	17,719 :	13,419 :	11,917 :	16,308
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	4,471 :	5,432 :	4,945 :	6,647
Sweden -----:	7,673 :	4,016 :	3,781 :	4,931
Taiwan -----:	3,358 :	3,571 :	2,927 :	6,358
Algeria -----:	0 :	6 :	6 :	0
Switzerland -----:	10 :	2 :	2 :	1
Israel -----:	1/ :	1/ :	1/ :	4
Norway -----:	38 :	1/ :	1/ :	0
Malaysia -----:	0 :	1/ :	1/ :	0
India -----:	1 :	0 :	0 :	4
Thailand -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	175
All others-----:	4 :	0 :	0 :	1/
Total-----:	15,555 :	13,027 :	11,661 :	18,120
Grand total-----:	33,274 :	26,446 :	23,578 :	34,428

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Table 27.--Stainless steel pipe and tube: U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	135
Austria -----:	1,588 :	1,637 :	1,361 :	3,425
Brazil -----:	24 :	0 :	0 :	0
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
East Germany -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
EC countries-----:	14,808 :	14,405 :	12,438 :	24,223
Finland -----:	16 :	0 :	0 :	1
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	33,103 :	22,587 :	20,316 :	28,496
Mexico -----:	864 :	1,654 :	1,654 :	2,812
Peoples Rep of China -----:	1 :	0 :	0 :	0
Poland -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	2,006 :	1,412 :	1,186 :	1,202
Spain -----:	212 :	282 :	235 :	1,128
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	52,622 :	41,977 :	37,190 :	61,422
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	12,987 :	17,196 :	15,588 :	22,802
Sweden -----:	21,657 :	12,414 :	11,683 :	20,623
Taiwan -----:	7,470 :	9,190 :	7,649 :	19,425
Algeria -----:	0 :	21 :	21 :	0
Switzerland -----:	348 :	168 :	147 :	163
Israel -----:	46 :	49 :	49 :	77
Norway -----:	86 :	2 :	2 :	0
Malaysia -----:	0 :	2 :	2 :	0
All others-----:	24 :	0 :	0 :	447
Total-----:	42,618 :	39,042 :	35,141 :	63,537
Grand total-----:	95,240 :	81,019 :	72,331 :	124,959

1/ Less than 0.5 short ton.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 28.--Alloy tool steel (all forms): U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	14 :	19 :	19 :	0
Austria -----:	3,070 :	2,693 :	2,522 :	2,186
Brazil -----:	1,699 :	997 :	956 :	1,719
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	21
East Germany -----:	25 :	0 :	0 :	4
EC countries-----:	15,072 :	10,302 :	9,073 :	11,739
Finland -----:	0 :	22 :	0 :	5
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	6,429 :	6,077 :	5,843 :	3,981
Mexico -----:	376 :	139 :	123 :	346
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0 :	1 :	1 :	103
Poland -----:	294 :	304 :	283 :	189
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	1,285 :	1,388 :	1,288 :	735
Spain -----:	51 :	47 :	47 :	30
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	10 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	28,325 :	21,989 :	20,155 :	21,058
Other countries:				
Sweden -----:	10,079 :	11,669 :	10,964 :	11,173
Canada -----:	6,172 :	6,868 :	6,394 :	8,193
Argentina -----:	134 :	70 :	46 :	42
Malaysia -----:	0 :	2 :	2 :	0
Taiwan -----:	22 :	1/ :	1/ :	0
Switzerland -----:	15 :	1/ :	1/ :	1/
New Zealand -----:	1 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	16,423 :	18,609 :	17,406 :	19,408
Grand total-----:	44,748 :	40,598 :	37,561 :	40,466

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Table 28.--Alloy tool steel (all forms): U.S. imports for consumption, by specified sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	50 :	31 :	31 :	0
Austria -----:	6,567 :	5,895 :	5,457 :	5,627
Brazil -----:	3,129 :	1,349 :	1,283 :	3,162
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	33
East Germany -----:	8 :	0 :	0 :	6
EC countries-----:	24,272 :	18,504 :	16,568 :	21,208
Finland -----:	0 :	37 :	0 :	15
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	12,443 :	12,370 :	11,675 :	13,398
Mexico -----:	735 :	142 :	128 :	434
Peoples Rep of China -----:	0 :	4 :	4 :	149
Poland -----:	384 :	454 :	424 :	354
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Republic of South Africa -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	1,810 :	2,097 :	1,945 :	1,224
Spain -----:	78 :	54 :	54 :	40
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	12 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	49,488 :	40,937 :	37,569 :	45,650
Other countries:				
Sweden -----:	24,303 :	28,049 :	26,462 :	27,657
Canada -----:	8,906 :	9,342 :	8,704 :	11,421
Argentina -----:	203 :	122 :	85 :	65
Malaysia -----:	0 :	1 :	1 :	0
Taiwan -----:	51 :	1 :	1 :	0
Switzerland -----:	11 :	2 :	2 :	2
New Zealand -----:	2 :	0 :	0 :	0
Total-----:	33,476 :	37,517 :	35,255 :	39,145
Grand total-----:	82,964 :	78,454 :	72,824 :	84,795

1/ Less than 0.5 short ton.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 29.--Total, stainless and alloy tool steel products: U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Quantity (short tons)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----:	15 :	20 :	20 :	24
Austria -----:	3,777 :	3,368 :	3,118 :	3,363
Brazil -----:	6,482 :	17,456 :	17,096 :	8,534
Czechoslovakia -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	21
East Germany -----:	25 :	0 :	0 :	4
EC countries-----:	117,991 :	85,998 :	77,515 :	90,031
Finland -----:	10,318 :	8,687 :	8,059 :	8,559
Hungary -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Japan -----:	72,328 :	73,238 :	67,365 :	60,676
Mexico -----:	12,011 :	19,741 :	17,455 :	9,491
Peoples Rep of China -----:	6 :	26 :	22 :	106
Poland -----:	294 :	375 :	355 :	264
Portugal -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Romania -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	18
Republic of South Africa -----:	2,674 :	0 :	0 :	0
Korea, Republic of -----:	15,661 :	15,689 :	14,054 :	11,447
Spain -----:	17,725 :	20,193 :	17,953 :	22,077
Trinidad and Tobago -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	138
Venezuela -----:	0 :	0 :	0 :	0
Yugoslavia -----:	10 :	0 :	0 :	17
Total-----:	259,317 :	244,791 :	223,012 :	214,770
Other countries:				
Canada -----:	25,130 :	45,739 :	42,159 :	54,658
Sweden -----:	43,584 :	42,482 :	38,114 :	48,144
Taiwan -----:	8,747 :	5,484 :	4,668 :	7,613
India -----:	185 :	544 :	524 :	499
Argentina -----:	263 :	181 :	157 :	42
Switzerland -----:	129 :	116 :	116 :	238
Israel -----:	1/ :	65 :	65 :	4
Bulgaria -----:	0 :	46 :	46 :	0
Hong Kong -----:	0 :	41 :	41 :	1/
Norway -----:	38 :	37 :	37 :	0
All others-----:	164 :	44 :	44 :	197
Total-----:	78,369 :	94,779 :	85,971 :	111,395
Grand total-----:	337,686 :	339,570 :	308,983 :	326,165

See footnote(s) at end of table.

Table 29.--Total, stainless and alloy tool steel products: U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January--November	
			1987	1988
	Value (thousand dollars)			
VRA countries:				
Australia -----	142	95	95	174
Austria -----	8,771	8,529	7,763	10,770
Brazil -----	10,635	9,993	9,432	11,556
Czechoslovakia -----	0	0	0	33
East Germany -----	8	0	0	6
EC countries-----	187,004	152,144	135,733	196,866
Finland -----	15,018	13,461	12,384	18,948
Hungary -----	0	0	0	0
Japan -----	143,744	144,150	132,113	156,254
Mexico -----	17,480	31,955	28,414	18,197
Peoples Rep of China -----	14	108	47	189
Poland -----	384	470	440	457
Portugal -----	0	0	0	0
Romania -----	0	0	0	30
Republic of South Africa -----	3,030	0	0	0
Korea, Republic of -----	23,628	25,652	22,887	25,342
Spain -----	25,543	32,952	28,867	47,261
Trinidad and Tobago -----	0	0	0	202
Venezuela -----	0	0	0	0
Yugoslavia -----	12	0	0	22
Total-----	435,413	419,509	378,175	486,307
Other countries:				
Canada -----	42,707	68,819	63,160	106,923
Sweden -----	97,920	93,649	84,759	123,392
Taiwan -----	15,927	13,631	11,667	23,111
India -----	260	851	812	952
Argentina -----	449	323	286	65
Switzerland -----	581	469	448	1,252
Israel -----	46	134	134	77
Bulgaria -----	0	70	70	0
Hong Kong -----	0	59	59	1
Norway -----	86	18	18	0
All others-----	254	122	122	490
Total-----	158,230	178,145	161,535	256,263
Grand total-----	593,643	597,654	539,710	742,570

1/ Less than 0.5 short tons

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Table 30.--Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: Unit value of U.S. imports for consumption, 1986, 1987, and 1988, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988  
 (Per short ton)

Item	January-November		
	1986	1987	1988
<b>Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel:</b>			
Semifinished 2/			
Plate	191	211	239
Sheet and strip:	294	332	403
Hot rolled	279	308	362
Cold rolled	408	449	507
Galvanized	465	503	552
Tin plate	527	533	565
Tin free	493	509	542
Other coated	500	528	590
Average, sheet and strip:	399	432	479
<b>Bar:</b>			
Hot finished	354	369	405
Cold finished	512	831	597
Reinforcing	226	248	258
Light shapes	297	315	372
Average, bar	329	400	393
Wire rod	318	313	344
Wire	606	631	686
Wire products	604	628	654
<b>Structural shapes and units:</b>			
Heavy structural	296	304	377
Fabricated structural	906	898	927
Average, structural	388	378	437
Rails and related products	325	325	324
Pipe and tube:			
Oil country tubular goods	517	536	526
Line pipe	417	421	421
Mechanical pipe	630	623	621
Structural pipe	343	368	366
Pressure tubing	654	689	692
Other (incl. standard)	403	415	411
Average, pipe and tube	443	459	454
Average, carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel	377	399	397

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Table 30.--Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: Unit value of U.S. imports for consumption, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988  
 (Per short ton)

Item	January-November		
	1986	1987	1988
<b>Stainless and alloy tool steel:</b>			
Stainless steel:			
Semifinished 2/	1,069	816	789
Plate	1,510	1,766	1,775
Sheet and strip:			
Sheet	1,361	1,566	1,558
Strip	2,198	2,555	2,532
Average, sheet and strip:	1,621	1,637	1,630
Bars and shapes:			
Wire rod	1,960	1,874	1,872
Wire-	1,629	1,747	1,730
Pipe and tube	2,984	3,007	2,996
Alloy tool steel (all forms):			
Average, stainless and alloy steel:	1,854	1,932	1,939
	1,759	1,760	1,747
			2,277

1/ Including alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

2/ Semifinished steel includes ingots, blooms, billets, slabs, and steel bars.

Source: Compiled from data of the American Iron & Steel Institute, and official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 31.-- Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports for consumption of specified products and imports as a percent of major product groupings, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	January-November	
			1987	1988
<b>Quantity (short tons)</b>				
<b>Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel:</b>				
Semifinished 2/				
Ingots-----	152,445	103,967	88,892	101,674
Blooms and billets-----	418,113	426,208	398,199	562,481
Slabs and sheet bars-----	<u>1,496,142</u>	<u>1,702,095</u>	<u>1,604,800</u>	<u>2,023,187</u>
Total-----	2,066,700	2,232,270	2,091,891	2,687,342
Plate:				
Carbon-----	1,363,633	1,450,898	1,312,185	1,633,406
Alloy-----	<u>76,742</u>	<u>104,678</u>	<u>92,753</u>	<u>99,439</u>
Total-----	1,440,375	1,555,577	1,404,938	1,732,845
Sheet and strip:				
Hot rolled:				
Sheet-----	2,090,107	2,123,804	1,952,045	2,041,029
Strip-----	43,557	43,197	39,957	42,822
Cold rolled:				
Black plate-----	205,937	159,779	150,720	134,837
Electrical-----	81,703	64,822	58,516	60,955
Other sheet-----	2,556,385	2,156,348	1,974,792	1,856,301
Other strip-----	148,279	135,227	125,013	117,260
Galvanized-----	2,321,108	2,306,233	2,139,332	1,825,157
Tin plate-----	359,658	332,306	313,379	271,368
Tin free-----	110,569	101,172	92,172	87,744
Other coated-----	<u>209,730</u>	<u>323,709</u>	<u>294,973</u>	<u>228,070</u>
Total-----	8,127,033	7,746,596	7,140,900	6,665,543
Bar:				
Hot rolled:				
Carbon-----	420,515	443,037	403,045	440,933
Alloy-----	155,218	160,811	147,566	177,798
Cold rolled:				
Carbon-----	160,083	152,283	136,337	148,554
Alloy-----	44,226	40,927	37,666	46,300
Reinforcing-----	454,735	351,632	312,251	333,487
Light structural shapes-----	<u>158,953</u>	<u>132,477</u>	<u>124,497</u>	<u>121,457</u>
Total-----	1,393,731	1,281,168	1,161,361	1,268,530

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 31.-- Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports for consumption of specified products and imports as a percent of major product groupings, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	1987	1988
	January-November			
Quantity (short tons)				
Wire rod and related products:				
Wire rod:				
Carbon-----	1,236,274	1,341,257	1,217,746	1,274,465
Alloy-----	107,982	107,463	98,144	109,345
Wire:				
Carbon-----	528,187	504,898	465,043	454,534
Alloy-----	36,294	31,999	28,884	30,104
Wire products:				
Nails-----	393,673	440,746	408,569	339,540
Barbed wire-----	22,157	16,643	15,616	14,082
Wire fencing-----	12,063	13,263	12,450	10,734
Bale ties-----	696	1,719	1,700	1,687
Wire strand-----	121,596	98,898	90,954	79,950
Wire rope-----	73,994	65,683	59,969	69,075
Milliners wire-----	12,412	12,426	11,558	11,674
Total-----	2,545,328	2,634,993	2,410,634	2,395,191
Structurals:				
Heavy-----	1,852,377	1,884,684	1,693,366	1,789,030
Fabricated-----	327,280	268,985	244,168	219,138
Total-----	2,179,657	2,153,669	1,937,534	2,008,169
Rails and related products:				
Rails-----	244,737	213,530	183,156	242,888
Joint bars and tie plates-----	21,025	13,969	13,962	8,153
Track spikes-----	323	370	354	205
Wheels and axles-----	9,626	18,120	13,381	46,612
Total-----	275,710	245,988	210,853	297,857
Pipes and tubes:				
Oil country tubular goods-----	651,840	594,463	527,261	951,092
Line pipe-----	782,764	526,047	491,401	465,172
Mechanical pipe-----	239,170	284,807	256,092	360,266
Structural pipe-----	479,768	428,758	405,269	263,445
Pressure tubing-----	25,086	27,122	24,358	49,499
Other (including standard)-----	744,400	887,446	791,498	906,155
Total-----	2,923,029	2,748,644	2,495,879	2,995,629

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 31.-- Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports for consumption of specified products and imports as a percent of major product groupings, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January-November	
			1987	1988
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Quantity (short tons)				
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<b>Stainless and alloy tool steel:</b>				
<b>Stainless:</b>				
<b>Semifinished:</b>				
<b>Ingots-----:</b>	404	1,106	1,074	3,877
<b>Blooms and billets-----:</b>	11,822	48,955	46,567	39,541
<b>Slabs and sheet bars-----:</b>	5,397	6,664	5,337	13,618
<b>Total-----:</b>	17,622	56,725	52,979	57,037
<b>Plate-----:</b>	16,415	11,118	10,135	13,703
<b>Sheet and strip:</b>				
<b>Sheet:</b>				
<b>Hot rolled-----:</b>	4,275	5,179	4,528	6,959
<b>Cold rolled-----:</b>	136,440	114,806	103,279	93,966
<b>Strip-----:</b>	10,856	9,309	8,526	6,911
<b>Total-----:</b>	151,571	129,295	116,332	107,836
<b>Bars and shapes-----:</b>	37,888	37,991	34,578	37,482
<b>Wire rod-----:</b>	18,496	18,311	16,486	16,961
<b>Wire-----:</b>	17,541	19,084	17,330	18,246
<b>Pipe and tube-----:</b>	33,274	26,448	23,580	34,431
<b>Alloy tool steel (all forms):</b>				
<b>Semifinished 2/-----:</b>	8,032	6,880	6,631	4,102
<b>Bars-----:</b>	21,496	19,792	18,300	26,686
<b>Other-----:</b>	15,221	13,927	12,632	9,680
<b>Total-----:</b>	44,749	40,599	37,563	40,467

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 31.-- Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports for consumption of specified products and imports as a percent of major product groupings, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988

Item	1986	1987	1987	1988
	:	:	:	:
January-November				
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Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel:				
Semifinished 2/				
Ingots-----	7.38	4.66	4.25	3.78
Blooms and billets-----	20.23	19.09	19.04	20.93
Slabs and sheet bars-----	72.39	76.25	76.72	75.29
Total-----	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Plate:				
Carbon-----	94.67	93.27	93.40	94.26
Alloy-----	5.33	6.73	6.60	5.74
Total-----	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Sheet and strip:				
Hot rolled:				
Sheet-----	25.72	27.42	27.34	30.62
Strip-----	0.54	0.56	0.56	0.64
Cold rolled:				
Black plate-----	2.53	2.06	2.11	2.02
Electrical-----	1.01	0.84	0.82	0.91
Other sheet-----	31.46	27.84	27.65	27.85
Other strip-----	1.82	1.75	1.75	1.76
Galvanized-----	28.56	29.77	29.96	27.38
Tin plate-----	4.43	4.29	4.39	4.07
Tin free-----	1.36	1.31	1.29	1.32
Other coated-----	2.58	4.18	4.13	3.42
Total-----	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Bar:				
Hot rolled:				
Carbon-----	30.17	34.58	34.70	34.76
Alloy-----	11.14	12.55	12.71	14.02
Cold rolled:				
Carbon-----	11.49	11.89	11.74	11.71
Alloy-----	3.17	3.19	3.24	3.65
Reinforcing-----	32.63	27.45	26.89	26.29
Light structural shapes-----	11.40	10.34	10.72	9.57
Total-----	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 31.-- Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports for consumption of specified products and imports as a percent of major product groupings, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January-November	
			1987	1988
<b>Wire rod and related products:</b>				
<b>Wire rod:</b>				
Carbon-----	48.57	50.90	50.52	53.21
Alloy-----	4.24	4.08	4.07	4.57
<b>Wire:</b>				
Carbon-----	20.75	19.16	19.29	18.98
Alloy-----	1.43	1.21	1.20	1.26
<b>Wire products:</b>				
Nails-----	15.47	16.73	16.95	14.18
Barbed wire-----	0.87	0.63	0.65	0.59
Wire fencing-----	0.47	0.50	0.52	0.45
Bale ties-----	0.03	0.07	0.07	0.07
Wire strand-----	4.78	3.75	3.77	3.34
Wire rope-----	2.91	2.49	2.49	2.88
Milliners wire-----	0.49	0.47	0.48	0.49
Total-----	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Structurals:</b>				
Heavy-----	84.98	87.51	87.40	89.09
Fabricated-----	15.02	12.49	12.60	10.91
Total-----	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Rails and related products:</b>				
Rails-----	88.77	86.80	86.86	81.55
Joint bars and tie plates-----	7.63	5.68	6.62	2.74
Track spikes-----	0.12	0.15	0.17	0.07
Wheels and axles-----	3.49	7.37	6.35	15.65
Total-----	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Pipes and tubes:</b>				
Oil country tubular goods-----	22.30	21.63	21.13	31.75
Line pipe-----	26.78	19.14	19.69	15.53
Mechanical pipe-----	8.18	10.36	10.26	12.03
Structural pipe-----	16.41	15.60	16.24	8.79
Pressure tubing-----	0.86	0.99	0.98	1.65
Other (including standard)-----	25.47	32.29	31.71	30.25
Total-----	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 31.-- Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports for consumption of specified products and imports as a percent of major product groupings, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988--Continued

Item	1986	1987	January-November	1988	
			1987		
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Stainless and alloy tool steel: :					
Stainless:					
Semifinished:					
Ingots-----:	2.29	1.95	2.03	6.80	
Blooms and billets-----:	67.09	86.30	87.90	69.33	
Slabs and sheet bars-----:	30.62	11.75	10.07	23.88	
Total-----:	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Plate-----:	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Sheet and strip:					
Sheet:					
Hot rolled-----:	2.82	4.01	3.89	6.45	
Cold rolled-----:	90.02	88.79	88.78	87.14	
Strip-----:	7.16	7.20	7.33	6.41	
Total-----:	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Bars and shapes-----:	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Wire rod-----:	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Wire-----:	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Pipe and tube-----:	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Alloy tool steel (all forms): :					
Semifinished 2/-----:	17.95	16.95	17.65	10.14	
Bars-----:	48.04	48.75	48.72	65.94	
Other-----:	34.01	34.30	33.63	23.92	
Total-----:	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
:	:	:	:	:	

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

2/ Semifinished steel includes ingots, blooms, billets, slabs, and sheet bars.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 32.--Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products:  
U.S. imports for consumption, by customs areas, 1986, 1987, and by  
specified periods, 1987 and 1988  
(Short tons)

Item	January--November		
	1986	1987	1988
Atlantic Coast	4,915,642	4,673,187	4,280,154
Great Lakes-Canadian border	6,484,922	6,594,724	6,068,776
Gulf Coast-Mexican border	5,144,258	4,930,247	4,471,527
Off-shore	470,616	374,262	324,705
Pacific Coast	4,273,681	4,366,056	4,017,810
Total	21,289,119	20,938,475	19,162,972
			20,377,269

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 33.--Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports, for consumption through the Atlantic Coast customs area, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988  
 (Short tons)

Item	January-November		
	1986	1987	1988
Carbon and certain alloy 1/	:	:	:
Semifinished 2/			
Plate	420,146	384,562	360,999
Sheet and strip	265,696	258,880	235,092
Bars and certain shapes	2,114,016	1,900,352	1,737,943
Wire rod	265,102	222,055	205,496
Wire	269,425	310,731	294,955
Wire products	138,407	119,558	110,426
Structural shapes and units	235,748	266,335	242,829
Rails and related products	541,402	581,450	524,654
Pipe and tube	18,320	25,273	24,187
Total	4,752,161	4,531,600	4,152,878
Stainless and alloy tool steel:			
Semi finished steel:			
Plate	8,592	15,595	14,011
Sheet and strip	9,221	4,167	3,571
Bars and certain shapes	62,730	42,918	38,286
Wire rod	20,307	19,945	18,023
Wire	14,402	13,117	11,744
Pipe and tube	9,570	10,357	9,279
Tool steel (all forms)	12,306	10,147	9,022
Total	26,352	25,340	23,338
Grand Total	163,481	141,586	127,276
	4,915,642	4,673,187	4,280,154
			4,39,912
			4,411,959

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

2/ Semifinished steel includes ingots, blooms, billets, and steel bars.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 34.—Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports, for consumption through the Great Lakes-Canadian border customs area, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988  
(Short tons)

Item	1986		1987		January-November 1988	
<b>Carbon and certain alloy 1/</b>						
<b>steel:</b>						
<b>Semifinished 2/</b>						
Plate	614,958	:	498,851	:	478,382	:
Sheet and strip	532,453	:	663,496	:	607,551	:
Bars and certain shapes	2,671,422	:	2,630,195	:	2,432,635	:
Wire rod	563,444	:	561,285	:	509,680	:
Wire	518,651	:	565,070	:	514,147	:
Wire products	264,474	:	251,126	:	231,178	:
Structural shapes and units	103,566	:	95,457	:	89,749	:
Rails and related products	635,262	:	566,003	:	506,520	:
Pipe and tube	87,985	:	107,729	:	89,849	:
Total	420,125	:	564,259	:	525,207	:
Stainless and alloy tool steel:						
<b>Stainless steel:</b>						
<b>Semifinished 2/</b>						
Plate	7,263	:	27,149	:	24,988	:
Sheet and strip	990	:	1,971	:	1,805	:
Bars and certain shapes	36,402	:	34,156	:	31,356	:
Wire rod	3,930	:	4,170	:	3,769	:
Wire	770	:	1,047	:	999	:
Pipe and tube	4,592	:	4,794	:	4,395	:
Tool steel (all forms)	5,639	:	6,134	:	5,578	:
Total	12,997	:	11,832	:	10,988	:
Grand Total	72,583	:	91,256	:	83,879	:
Grand Total	6,484,922	:	6,594,724	:	6,063,776	:

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

2/ Semifinished steel includes ingots, blooms, billets, slabs, and steel bars.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 35.—Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports, for consumption through the Gulf Coast-Mexican border customs area, 1986, 1987,<sup>1</sup> and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988  
(Short tons)

Item		1986		1987		January-November	
<b>Carbon and certain alloy 1/</b>							
Steel:							
Semifinished 2/		581,228		866,421		798,360	
Plate		419,732		419,658		370,051	
Sheet and strip		1,667,147		1,515,043		1,394,095	
Bars and certain shapes		137,209		131,573		122,073	
Wire rod		266,067		257,709		228,402	
Wire		68,713		76,094		70,024	
Wire products		126,549		107,410		101,196	
Structural shapes and units		450,697		473,758		416,192	
Rails and related products		92,952		61,358		49,341	
Pipe and tube		1,285,600		959,115		869,353	
Total		5,095,895		4,868,139		4,414,088	
<b>Stainless and alloy tool steel:</b>							
Stainless steel:							
Semifinished 2/		1,345		13,974		13,973	
Plate		4,246		2,714		2,637	
Sheet and strip		23,265		29,042		26,053	
Bars and certain shapes		5,852		5,951		5,310	
Wire rod		722		1,117		968	
Wire		851		1,350		1,300	
Pipe and tube		9,652		6,665		5,926	
Tool steel (all forms)		2,430		1,295		1,272	
Total		48,363		62,108		57,440	
Grand Total		5,144,258		4,930,247		4,471,527	

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

2/ Semifinished steel includes ingots, blooms, billets, slabs, and steel bars.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 36.--Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports, for consumption through the off-shore customs area, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988  
(Short tons)

Item	January-November		
	1986	1987	1988
<b>Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel:</b>			
Semifinished 2/			
Plate	1,048	0	0
Sheet and strip	8,335	6,693	6,593
Bars and certain shapes	94,531	90,238	82,475
Wire rod	200,705	164,360	133,719
Wire	8,279	11,960	9,700
Wire products	13,575	11,147	9,944
Structural shapes and units	8,551	7,285	6,702
Rails and related products	27,365	22,499	22,119
Pipe and tube	641	445	445
Total	105,346	58,545	51,968
Stainless and alloy tool steel:			
Semifinished steel:			
Plate	468,378	373,151	323,665
Sheet and strip			
Bars and certain shapes			
Wire rod			
Wire			
Pipe and tube			
Tool steel (all forms)			
Grand Total			358,811

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

2/ Semifinished steel includes ingots, blooms, billets, slabs, and steel bars.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 37.--Steel mill products and certain fabricated steel products: U.S. imports, for consumption through the Pacific Coast customs area, 1986, 1987, and by specified periods, 1987 and 1988  
 (Short tons)

Item	1986		1987		January-November 1988	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
<b>Carbon and certain alloy 1/ steel:</b>						
Semifinished 2/			482,436		454,149	
Plate	214,158		206,851		185,651	
Sheet and strip	1,579,917		1,610,768		1,493,751	
Bars and certain shapes	1,227,271		2,011,894		1,190,394	
Wire rod	281,835		303,270		268,686	
Wire	79,311		78,972		72,355	
Wire products	162,177		172,890		160,340	
Structural shapes and units	524,930		509,959		468,048	
Rails and related products	75,812		51,183		47,033	
Pipe and tube	628,059		704,321		638,053	
Total	4,222,789		4,322,545		3,978,462	
<b>Stainless and alloy tool steel:</b>						
Stainless steel:						
Semifinished 2/	422		7			
Plate	1,958		2,266		2,122	
Sheet and strip	29,151		23,178		20,636	
Bars and certain shapes	7,799		7,925		7,475	
Wire rod	2,603		3,030		2,774	
Wire	1,160		1,508		1,353	
Pipe and tube	4,829		3,465		3,017	
Tool steel (all forms)	2,969		2,132		1,964	
Total	50,389		43,511		39,348	
Grand Total	4,273,681		4,366,056		4,017,810	
						4,182,611
						4,137,956

1/ Certain alloy refers to alloy steel other than stainless or tool steel.

2/ Semifinished steel includes ingots, blooms, billets, slabs, and steel bars.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.



**Appendix A**

**Definition of Certain Terms, and Description of the Products Subject  
to the Investigation**

DEFINITIONS

1. Steel.--An alloy of iron and carbon which is malleable as first cast. Steel may contain other elements, but iron must predominate, by weight, over each of the other elements.
2. Carbon steel.--Steel in which none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated:
  - 1.65 percent of manganese, or
  - 0.25 percent of phosphorus, or
  - 0.35 percent of sulphur, or
  - 0.60 percent of silicon, or
  - 0.60 percent of copper, or
  - 0.30 percent of aluminum, or
  - 0.20 percent of chromium, or
  - 0.30 percent of cobalt, or
  - 0.35 percent of lead, or
  - 0.50 percent of nickel, or
  - 0.30 percent of tungsten, or
  - 0.10 percent of any other metallic element.
3. Alloy steel.--Steel which contains any of the elements listed in definition 2 (above) in excess of its specified quantity.
  - (i) Stainless steel.--Any alloy steel which contains by weight less than 1 percent of carbon and over 11.5 percent of chromium;
  - (ii) Tool steel.--Alloy steel which contains the following combinations of elements in the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated:
    - (A) not less than 1.0 percent carbon and over 11.0 percent chromium, or
    - (B) not less than 0.85 percent carbon and 1.0 percent to 1.8 percent inclusive manganese; or
    - (C) 0.9 percent to 1.2 percent inclusive chromium and 0.9 percent to 1.4 percent inclusive molybdenum; or
    - (D) not less than 0.5 percent carbon and not less than 3.5 percent molybdenum; or
    - (E) not less than 0.5 percent carbon and not less than 5.5 percent tungsten; or
    - (F) not less than 0.3 percent carbon and 1.25 percent to 11.0 percent inclusive chromium.
4. Galvanized.--Steel which has been coated or plated with zinc.

Alloy steel--Continued

5. Hot-rolled.--Steel which has been reduced to its final thickness by heating and rolling the product at elevated temperature (usually above 2,200° F).
6. Cold-rolled.--Steel which has been reduced to its final thickness by rolling the product without heating it immediately prior to the rolling operation.
7. Continuous casting.--The method of producing semifinished products in which molten steel flows evenly into a caster where it is rapidly cooled, causing it to solidify directly into semifinished products such as slabs and billets.

8. Short ton.--Two thousand (2,000) pounds.

9. Semifinished products include:

- (i) Ingots.--Castings resulting from the solidification of molten steel and having a columnar form suitable for working by rolling or forging. Ingots are included in AISI (American Iron and Steel Institute) product group No. 1A.
- (ii) Blooms and billets.--Semifinished products generally of rectangular or circular cross section, having a length several times greater than the maximum cross-sectional dimension, and, if rectangular, a width less than 4 times the thickness. A bloom is at least 36 square inches but not less than 3 square inches in cross-sectional area. Blooms and billets are included in AISI product group No. 1B.
- (iii) Slabs and sheet bars.--Semifinished products of rectangular cross section, having a width of at least 4 times the thickness. A slab is not less than 2 inches in thickness; a sheet bar is less than 2 inches in thickness. Slabs and sheet bars are included in AISI product group No. 1B.

For the purpose of this legislation, semifinished products are classified as follows:

- (A) Carbon and certain alloy ingots; provided for in items 606.6740, 606.6947, 606.6963 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA).
- (B) Carbon and certain alloy blooms and billets; provided for in items 606.6700, 606.6705, 606.6710, 606.6715, 606.6720, 606.6926, 606.6929, 606.6932, 606.6935, 606.6940, 606.6949, 606.6951, 606.6953, and 606.6955 of the TSUSA.
- (C) Carbon and certain alloy slabs and sheet bars; provided for in items 606.6725, 606.6730, 606.6735, 606.6938, 606.6941, 606.6944, 606.6957, 606.6959, 606.6961, 607.6620, and 607.7803 of the TSUSA.

(D) Stainless steel ingots; provided for in item 606.6923 of the TSUSA.

(E) Stainless steel blooms and billets; provided for in items 606.6903, 606.6905, 606.6906, 606.6909, and 606.6912 of the TSUSA.

(F) Stainless steel slabs and sheet bars; provided for in items 606.6915, 606.6918, 606.6921, and 607.7603 of the TSUSA.

10. Plates.--Flat rolled products whether or not corrugated or crimped, in coils or cut to length. Plates are 0.1875 inch or more in thickness and, if not cold rolled, over 8 inches in width, or if cold rolled, over 12 inches in width. Plates are included in AISI product group No. 6. For the purposes of this investigation, plates are classified as follows:

(i) Carbon plate; provided for in items 607.6610, 607.6615, 607.6625, 607.8320, 607.9400, 608.0710, 608.1100, and 609.1400 of the TSUSA.

(ii) Alloy plate; provided for in items 607.7800, 607.7806, 607.9100, 608.1420, and 609.1500 of the TSUSA.

(iii) Stainless steel plate; provided for in items 607.7605, 607.7606, 607.7609, and 607.9005 of the TSUSA.

11. Sheets and strip.--Flat rolled products whether or not corrugated or crimped, in coils or cut to length. Sheet is under 0.1875 inch in thickness and over 12 inches in width. Strip is under 0.1875 inch in thickness and, if cold rolled, over 0.50 inch but not over 12 inches in width. Sheets and strip are included in AISI product group Nos. 28, 29, 29A, 30, 31, 32, 33A, 33B, 34, 34B, 35, 36, and 37. For the purposes of this investigation, sheets and strip are classified as follows:

(i) Hot-rolled carbon and alloy sheet; provided for in items 607.6700, 607.6710, 607.6720, 607.6730, 607.6740, 607.6900, 607.8100, and 607.8342 of the TSUSA.

(ii) Hot-rolled carbon and alloy strip; provided for in items 608.1920, 608.2120, and 608.2320 of the TSUSA.

(iii) Cold-rolled carbon and alloy sheet and strip:

(A) Black plate; provided for in items 607.6200 and 607.6400 of the TSUSA.

(B) Electrical sheet and strip; provided for in items 607.9205, 607.9210, and 608.3900 of the TSUSA.

(C) Other sheet; provided for in items 607.8344, 607.8350, 607.8355, 607.8362, 607.8366, 607.8375, 607.8378, 607.8380, 607.8385, 607.8390, 607.8600, 607.9315 and 607.9320 of the TSUSA.

(D) Other strip; provided for in items 608.1930, 608.1945<sup>A-4</sup>, 608.2130, 608.2140, 608.2160, 608.2170, 608.2330, 608.2345, 608.2500, 608.3100, 608.3810, 608.3820, 608.4700, 608.5510, 608.5520, 608.5900, 608.6710 and 608.6720 of the TSUSA.

(iv) Galvanized sheet and strip; provided for in items 608.0730, 608.1300, 608.1305, 608.1315, and 608.1321, 608.1325, 608.1331, and 608.1335 of the TSUSA.

(v) Tin plate; provided for in items 607.9600, 607.9700, and 607.9900 of the TSUSA.

(vi) Tin free; provided for in item 609.1710 of the TSUSA.

(vii) Other coated; provided for in items 608.0100, 608.1340, 608.1350, 608.1440, 609.1700, and 609.1790 of the TSUSA.

(viii) Stainless steel hot-rolled sheet; provided for in items 607.7610 and 607.9010 of the TSUSA.

(ix) Stainless steel cold-rolled sheet; provided for in items 607.9020, and 607.9029 of the TSUSA.

(x) Stainless steel strip; provided for in items 608.2600, 608.2900, 608.4300, 608.4309, and 608.5700 of the TSUSA.

12. Bars.--Products of solid cross section not conforming completely to the respective specifications set forth in the TSUS for blooms, billets, slabs, sheet bars, wire rods, plates, sheets, strip, wire, rails, joint bars, or tie plates, and which have cross sections in the shape of circles, segments of circles, ovals, triangles, rectangles, hexagons, or octagons. Also, for the purposes of this investigation, the term "bars" includes hollow drill steel, which is a hollow product in any cross section suitable for use in making mining drills or mining drill rods, with the largest internal cross-sectional dimension not greater than one-third of the largest external cross-sectional dimension.

Shapes.--Nontubular products not conforming completely to the respective specifications set forth in the TSUS for blooms, billets, slabs, sheet bars, bars, wire rods, plates, sheets, strip, wire, rails, joint bars, or tie plates, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, or drawn, or cold formed or cold finished, whether or not drilled, punched, or otherwise advanced, and if cold formed weighing over 0.29 pound per linear foot.

For the purposes of this investigation, bars and light structural shapes are classified as follows:

(i) Hot-rolled carbon bars; provided for in items 606.8310, 606.8330, 606.8350, 606.8600, 607.0500, and 607.0700 of the TSUSA, and included in AISI product group No. 14.

(ii) Hot-rolled alloy bars; provided for in items 606.9105, 606.9700, and 607.0900 of the TSUSA, and included in AISI product group No. 14.

(iii) Cold-formed carbon bars; provided for in items 606.8805, 606.8809, and 606.8815 of the TSUSA, and included in AISI product group No. 16.

(iv) Cold-formed alloy bars; provided for in items 606.9110 and 606.9900 of the TSUSA, and included in AISI product group No. 16.

(v) Reinforcing carbon and certain alloy steel bars; which are hot-rolled steel bars, of solid cross section, having deformations of various patterns on their surfaces; provided for in items 606.7900 and 606.8100 of the TSUSA, and included in AISI product group No. 15.

(vi) Light structural shapes; which are bar-size light shapes having a cross-sectional dimension of less than 3 inches; provided for in items 609.8050, 609.8070, 609.8090, 609.8235, and 609.8240 of the TSUSA, and included in AISI product group No. 14A.

(vii) Stainless steel bars and shapes; provided for in items 606.9005, 606.9010, 606.9015, 606.9020, 609.8205, 609.8210, 609.8215, and 609.8220 of the TSUSA.

13. Wire rod and related products include:

(i) Wire rods.--Coiled, semifinished, hot-rolled products of solid cross section, approximately round in cross section, not under 0.20 inch nor over 0.74 inch in diameter. Wire rods are included in AISI product group No. 3.

For the purposes of this investigation, wire rod is classified as follows:

(A) Carbon steel wire rod; provided for in items 607.1400, 607.1710, 607.1720, 607.1730, 607.2200, and 607.2300 of the TSUSA.

(B) Alloy steel wire rod; provided for in items 607.3200, 607.4100, 607.4800, and 607.5900 of the TSUSA.

(C) Stainless steel wire rod; provided for in items 607.2600 and 607.4300 of the TSUSA.

(ii) Wire is classified as follows:

(A) Steel wire; a finished, drawn, nontubular product, of any cross-sectional configuration, in coils, and not over 0.703 inch in maximum cross-sectional dimension; the term includes a product of solid rectangular cross section, in coils, with a cold-rolled finish, and not over 0.25 inch thick and not over 0.50 inch wide.

(a) Carbon steel wire; provided for in items 609.2000, 609.2100, 609.2200, 609.2500, 609.2800, 609.3040, 609.4010, 609.4020, 609.4030, 609.4050, 609.4060, 609.4064, 609.4070, 609.4080, 609.4090, 609.4105, 609.4135, 609.4145, 609.4305, 609.4315, 609.4325, 609.4335, 609.7000, 609.7005, 609.7015, and 609.7200 of the TSUSA. Carbon steel wire is included in AISI product group 23.

(b) Alloy steel wire; provided for in items 609.3340, A-6 609.3500, 609.3600, 609.3700, 609.4530, 609.4560, 609.7500, and 609.7600 of the TSUSA. Alloy steel wire is included in AISI product group 23.

(c) Stainless steel wire; provided for in items 609.3020, 609.3320, 609.4502, 609.4504, 609.4510, 609.4540, 609.4542, and 609.4544 of the TSUSA. Stainless steel wire is included in AISI product group No. 23.

(iii) Carbon and certain alloy steel wire products as defined by the following:

(A) Nails and brads, spikes, staples, and tacks are fasteners, of one piece construction, made of round wire, and not including thumb tacks, staples in strip form, corrugated fasteners, glaziers' points, hook nails, ring nails, or fasteners suitable for use in power-actuated hand tools; as provided for in items 646.2500, 646.2610, 646.2620, 646.2630, 646.2640, 646.2650, 646.2660, 646.2670, 646.2680, and 646.2690 of the TSUSA. Nails and brads, spikes, staples, and tacks are included in AISI product group No. 24.

(B) Barbed wire is a wire, or strand of twisted wires, armed with barbs or sharp points; as provided for in items 642.0205 and 642.0210 of the TSUSA. Barbed wire is included in AISI product group No. 25(pt.).

(C) Wire fencing is a galvanized product wholly of round wire measuring not over 0.20 inch and not under 0.075 inch in diameter, whether or not such wire is covered with plastics; as provided for in item 642.3510, 642.3530, 642.3560, and 642.3570 of the TSUSA. Wire fencing is included in AISI product group Nos. 23(pt) and 26.

(D) Baling wire and ties, with or without buckles or fastenings and whether or not coated with paint or other substance; as provided for in items 609.4120, 609.4125, 642.9000 and 642.9100 of the TSUSA and included in AISI product group No. 27 (pt.).

(E) Wire strand is two or more wires which together constitute one of the parts which are twisted together to form rope, cord, or cordage, suitable for fencing purposes, not fitted with fittings, not made up into articles, not of brass plated wire, not covered with nonmetallic material, as provided for in items 642.1105, 642.1120, 642.1142, 642.1144, and 642.1146 of the TSUSA. Wire strand is included in AISI product group Nos. 23 and 25(pt.).

(F) Wire ropes, cables, and cordage are products made by the twisting of a number of wire strands and are not covered with nonmetallic material, not fitted with fittings, not made up into articles, and, if valued 13 cents or more per pound, not of brass plated wire; as provided for in items 642.1200, 642.1610, 642.1615, 642.1620, and 642.1650 of the TSUSA. Wire ropes, cables, and cordage are included in AISI product group No. 23(pt.).

(G) Milliners wire is wire covered with textile or other material not wholly of metal; as provided for in items 642.96 and 642.97 of the TSUSA. Milliners wire is included in AISI product group No. 23(pt.).

14. Structurals--Nontubular products not conforming completely to the respective specifications set forth in the TSUSA for blooms, billets, slabs, sheet bars, bars, wire rods, plates, sheets, strip, wire, rails, joint bars, or tie plates, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, or drawn, or cold formed or cold finished, whether or not drilled, punched, or otherwise advanced, and if cold formed weighing over 0.29 pound per linear foot.

(i) Heavy structural shapes having a maximum cross-sectional dimension of 3 inches or more; as provided for in items 609.8005, 609.8010, 609.8015, 609.8020, 609.8025, 609.8035, 609.8041, 609.8045, 609.8200, 609.8225, 609.8230 of the TSUSA and included in AISI product group Nos. 4 and 5(pt.); and sheet piling; rolled straight web, deep-arch, arch-web, and Z-sections having continuous interlocking joints on each lengthwise edge; as provided for in items 609.9600, and 609.9800 of the TSUS. Sheet piling is included in AISI product group No. 5 (pt); and

(ii) Fabricated structural units, which include columns, pillars, posts, beams, girders, and similar structural units; as provided for in items 609.8400, 609.8600, 609.8800, 609.9000, 652.9400, 652.9600, and 653.000 of the TSUSA. These columns, pillars, etc., are included in AISI product group No. 38 and 39.

15. Rails and related railway products as defined by the following:

(i) Rails are hot-rolled steel products, whether punched or not punched, weighing not less than 8 pounds per yard, with cross-sectional shapes intended for carrying wheel loads in railroad, railway, and crane runway applications; as provided for in items 610.2010 610.2020, 610.2025, 610.2030, and 610.2100 of the TSUSA. Rails are included in AISI product group Nos. 7 and 8.

(ii) Joint bars are hot-rolled steel products, usually punched or slotted, designed to connect the ends of adjacent rails in track; tie plates are hot-rolled steel products which are punched to provide holes for spikes and have one or two shoulder sections as rail guides and are used to support rails in track, to maintain track gauge, and protect the ties; all the foregoing, as provided for in items 610.2500 and 610.2600 of the TSUSA. Joint bars and tie plates are included in AISI product group Nos. 9 and 10.

(iii) Railway track spikes, of one piece construction, used to secure tie plates or ties; as provided for in item 646.3020 of the TSUSA. Railway track spikes are included in AISI product group No. 11.

(iv) Railroad and railway (RR) axles and wheels, parts thereof, and axle bars; as provided for in items 690.2500 and 690.3000 of the TSUSA. These articles are included in AISI product group Nos. 12 and 13.

16. Pipes and tubes and blanks therefor.--Tubular products, including hollow bars and hollow billets but not including hollow drill steel, of any cross-sectional configuration, by whatever process made, whether seamless, brazed, or welded and whether with an open or lock seam or joint. For the purposes of this investigation, pipes and tubes and blanks therefor are classified as follows:

(i) Oil country tubular goods, provided for in items 610.3216, 610.3219, 610.3233, 610.3249, 610.3256, 610.3258, 610.3264, 610.3721, 610.3722, 610.3925, 610.3935, 610.4025, 610.4035, 610.4210, 610.4220, 610.4225, 610.4230, 610.4235, 610.4240, 610.4310, 610.4325, 610.4335, 610.4942, 610.4944, 610.4946, 610.4954, 610.4960, 610.4961, 610.4965, 610.4968, 610.4969, 610.5221, 610.5222, 610.5226, 610.5240, 610.5241, 610.5242, 610.5243, 610.5244, 610.5246, and 610.5247 of the TSUSA. Oil country tubular goods are included in AISI product group No. 19.

(ii) Line pipe; provided for in items 610.3208, 610.3209, 610.3211, 610.3212, 610.3213, 610.3251, 610.3711, 610.3712, 610.3713, 610.4931, 610.4933, 610.4936, 610.5211, 610.5214, and 610.5216 of the TSUSA. Line pipe is included in AISI product group No. 20.

(iii) Mechanical pipe; provided for in items 610.3221, 610.3227, 610.3252, 610.3728, 610.3732, 610.4500, 610.4600, 610.4925, 610.4928, 610.4948, 610.4957, 610.4800, 610.5160, 610.5229, 610.5234, and 610.5236 of the TSUSA. Mechanical pipe is included in AISI product group 21A.

(iv) Structural pipe; provided for in items 610.3242, 610.3945, 610.3955, 610.4045, 610.4055, 610.4245, 610.4255, 610.4345, 610.4355, 610.4955, 610.4966, and 610.4975 of the TSUSA. Structural pipe is included in AISI product category 22.

(v) Pressure tubing; provided for in items 610.3000, 610.3100, 610.3205, 610.3500, 610.3600, 610.3704, 610.4920, 610.5204, 610.5206, 610.5208, and 610.5209 of the TSUSA. Pressure tubing is included in AISI product category 21B.

(vi) Stainless steel pipes and tubes; provided for in items 610.3701, 610.3727, 610.3731, 601.3741, 610.3742, 610.5130, 610.5202, 610.5205, 610.5230, and 610.5231, of the TSUSA. Stainless steel pipes and tubes are included in AISI product categories 21C and D.

(vii) Other, including standard; provided for in items 610.3231, 610.3232, 610.3234, 610.3241, 610.3243, 610.3244, 610.3247, 610.3254, 610.3262, 610.3751, 610.4951, 610.4952, 610.4953, 610.4956, 610.4967, 610.4970, 610.4976, and 688.3000 of the TSUSA. Other, including standard pipe is included in AISI product category 18.

17. Alloy tool steel (all forms) provided for in items 606.6901, 606.6902, 606.6904, 607.7210, 606.9300, 606.9400, 606.9505, 606.9510, 606.9512, 606.9514, 606.9520, 606.9525, 606.9535, 606.9540, 606.9542, 606.9544, 606.9546, 606.9548, 607.2800, 607.3405, 607.3420, 607.4600, 607.5405, 607.5420, 607.7205, 607.7215, 607.7220, 607.7225, 607.8805, 607.8820, 608.3405, 608.3420, 608.4905, 608.4920, 608.6405, 608.6420, 609.4520, and 609.4550 of the TSUSA. Alloy tool steel is included in AISI product group No. 17. Consistent with previous Commission investigations and industry practice, tool steel of the type described in headnote 2(h)(vii) of schedule 6, part 2 of the TSUSA, which is commonly referred to as bearing steel, is included with "certain alloy" products.



**Appendix B**  
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		<p>10. <u>Additional duties and quantitative limitations</u> on stainless steel and alloy tool steel.--The provisions of this headnote apply to items 926.00 through 926.23, inclusive, of this subpart. The duties provided for in items 926.00 and 926.05 and the quantitative limitations set forth in items 926.10 through 926.23, inclusive, are in addition to the duties provided for the subject articles in schedule 6, part 2B, or in item 832.00, part 3A, schedule 8, where applicable.</p> <p>(a) <u>Definitions</u>.--For the purposes of this subpart--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the term "<u>restraint period</u>" refers to a 3-month period provided for in the Quota Quantity column for items 926.10 through 926.23, inclusive;</li> <li>(ii) the terms "<u>razor blade steel</u>" and "<u>chipper knife steel</u>" are defined as provided in headnotes 2(h)(x) and 2(h)(viii), respectively, of part 2B, schedule 6;</li> <li>(iii) the term "<u>band saw steel</u>" refers to alloy tool steel which contains, in addition to iron, each of the following elements by weight in the amounts specified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) carbon: not less than 0.47 nor more than 0.53 percent;</li> <li>(B) manganese: not less than 0.60 nor more than 0.90 percent;</li> <li>(C) sulfur: none, or not more than 0.015 percent;</li> <li>(D) phosphorus: none, or not more than 0.025 percent;</li> <li>(E) silicon: not less than 0.10 nor more than 0.25 percent;</li> <li>(F) chromium: not less than 0.90 nor more than 1.10 percent;</li> <li>(G) nickel: not less than 0.50 nor more than 0.70 percent;</li> <li>(H) molybdenum: not less than 0.90 nor more than 1.10 percent; and</li> <li>(I) vanadium: not less than 0.08 percent nor more than 0.15 percent;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(iv) the term "<u>cladding grade 434 stainless steel sheet</u>" refers to stainless steel sheet, not under 0.055 inch and not over 0.065 inch in thickness, not under 25.5 inches and not over 26.25 inches in width, containing by weight not more than 0.12 percent carbon; not less than 16 percent nor more than 18 percent chromium; and not less than 0.75 percent nor more than 1.25 percent molybdenum; certified by the importer of record or the ultimate consignee at the time of entry for use in the manufacture of stainless steel-clad-aluminum automobile trim;</li> <li>(v) the term "<u>stainless steel of the type described in headnote 10(a)(v)</u>" refers to the stainless steel grades described in either subparagraph (A) or (B) below which contain, in addition to iron, each of the following elements by weight in the amounts specified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) carbon: not more than 0.02 percent;</li> <li>silicon: not less than 0.2 percent nor more than 0.8 percent;</li> <li>manganese: not less than 0.2 percent nor more than 1.0 percent;</li> <li>chromium: not less than 19.5 percent nor more than 20.5 percent;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				

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		<p>nickel: not less than 17.5 percent not more than 18.5 percent;</p> <p>molybdenum: not less than 6.0 percent not more than 6.5 percent;</p> <p>nitrogen: not less than 0.18 percent not more than 0.22 percent;</p> <p>copper: not less than 0.5 percent not more than 1.0 percent;</p> <p>sulfur: not more than 0.03 percent;</p> <p>phosphorus: not more than 0.04 percent; or</p> <p>(B) carbon: not less than 0.05 percent not more than 0.10 percent;</p> <p>silicon: not less than 1.4 percent not more than 2.0 percent;</p> <p>manganese: not less than 0.2 percent not more than 0.8 percent;</p> <p>chromium: not less than 20.0 percent not more than 22.0 percent;</p> <p>nickel: not less than 10.0 percent not more than 12.0 percent;</p> <p>nitrogen: not less than 0.14 percent not more than 0.20 percent;</p> <p>cerium: not less than 0.03 percent not more than 0.08 percent;</p> <p>sulfur: not more than 0.03 percent; phosphorus: not more than 0.04 percent;</p> <p>(vi) the term "flapper valve steel" refers to stainless steel strip not over 0.05 inch in thickness, certified by the importer of record or the ultimate consignee at the time of entry for use in the manufacture of stainless steel flapper valves for compressors;</p> <p>(vii) the term "rotor steel for hysteresis motors" refers to tool steel strip not over 0.05 inch in thickness containing by weight not less than 0.5 percent carbon and not less than 5.5 percent tungsten, certified by the importer of record or the ultimate consignee at the time of entry for use in the manufacture of rotor rings or cups for hysteresis motors;</p> <p>(viii) the term "tool steel of the type described in headnote 10(a)(viii)" refers to the alloy tool steel grades described in any one of the subparagraphs (A) through (F) below which contain, in addition to iron, each of the following elements by weight in the amounts specified:</p> <p>(A) carbon: not less than 0.85 percent not more than 1.05 percent;</p> <p>manganese: not less than 0.95 percent not more than 1.75 percent;</p> <p>sulfur: less than 0.03 percent; phosphorus: less than 0.03 percent;</p> <p>silicon: not less than 0.45 percent not more than 0.90 percent;</p> <p>chromium: not less than 0.90 percent not more than 1.80 percent;</p> <p>nickel: less than 0.35 percent; copper: less than 0.35 percent;</p> <p>molybdenum: less than 0.10 percent;</p> <p>(B) carbon: not less than 0.95 percent not more than 1.05 percent;</p> <p>manganese: not less than 0.95 percent not more than 1.25 percent;</p> <p>sulfur: not more than 0.025 percent; phosphorus: not more than 0.025 percent;</p> <p>silicon: not less than 0.45 percent not more than 0.75 percent;</p> <p>chromium: not less than 0.90 percent not more than 1.20 percent;</p> <p>nickel: not more than 0.25 percent; copper: not more than 0.35 percent;</p> <p>molybdenum: not more than 0.08 percent;</p>				

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		<p>(C) carbon: not less than 0.85 percent  manganese: not less than 1.40 percent  sulfur: not more than 0.025 percent;  phosphorus: not more than 0.025 percent;  silicon: not less than 0.50 percent  chromium: not more than 0.80 percent;  nickel: not less than 1.40 percent  copper: not more than 0.25 percent;  molybdenum: not more than 0.08 percent;</p> <p>(D) carbon: not less than 0.95 percent  nor more than 1.10 percent;  manganese: not less than 0.65 percent  nor more than 0.90 percent;  sulfur: not more than 0.025 percent;  phosphorus: not more than 0.025 percent;  silicon: not less than 0.20 percent  chromium: not more than 0.35 percent;  nickel: not less than 1.10 percent  copper: not more than 0.25 percent;  molybdenum: not less than 0.20 percent  nor more than 0.30 percent;</p> <p>(E) carbon: not less than 0.95 percent  nor more than 1.10 percent;  manganese: not less than 1.05 percent  nor more than 1.35 percent;  sulfur: not more than 0.025 percent;  phosphorus: not more than 0.025 percent;  silicon: not less than 0.20 percent  chromium: not more than 0.35 percent;  nickel: not less than 1.10 percent  nor more than 1.50 percent;  copper: not more than 0.25 percent;  molybdenum: not less than 0.45 percent  nor more than 0.60 percent;  or</p> <p>(F) carbon: not less than 0.92 percent  nor more than 1.02 percent;  manganese: not less than 0.25 percent  nor more than 0.40 percent;  sulfur: not more than 0.025 percent;  phosphorus: not more than 0.025 percent;  silicon: not less than 0.25 percent  nor more than 0.40 percent;  chromium: not less than 1.65 percent  nor more than 1.95 percent;  nickel: not more than 0.25 percent;  copper: not more than 0.35 percent;  molybdenum: not less than 0.18 percent  nor more than 0.40 percent;  aluminum: not more than 0.05 percent;</p> <p>certified by the importer of record or the ultimate consignee at the time of entry for use in the manufacture of ball or roller bearings.</p> <p>(b) Shortfall.—During the last 30-day period of a restraint period, if the United States Trade Representative (USTR) determines that any quota quantity under an item hereof is unlikely to be used during that restraint period, the USTR may, to the extent permitted by law, modify the quota quantity for that item during the remainder of that restraint period to reallocate the shortfall or any portion thereof to the quota quantity of any other item, such modifications to be effective on the date of their publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.</p>				

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				1		2
		<p>(c) <u>Carryover.</u>--Whenever the quota quantity specified for any of the individually named countries for an item has not been entered during any restraint period, entry may be made during the subsequent restraint period of an amount up to 20 percent (10 percent in the case of shortfalls occurring in the restraint period April 20 through July 19 of any year) of the base limit for the restraint period in which the shortfall occurs, but not to exceed the difference between the quota quantity specified for such restraint period and the amount entered during that period; and such amount shall not be counted against the quota quantity therefor.</p> <p>(d) <u>Exceeding restraint levels.</u>--The restraint level for any quota quantity allocated to any of the individually named countries may be exceeded by not more than 10 percent during any restraint period, except that the restraint levels for the period April 20 through July 19 for 1984, 1985, or 1986 may be exceeded by not more than 3 percent, and shall not be exceeded for that period in 1987. If a quota quantity is exceeded during a restraint period, a downward adjustment of the corresponding quota quantity for the next restraint period in the absolute amount the preceding restraint level was exceeded shall be made.</p> <p>(e) <u>Adjustments.</u>--If any country-by-country allocations of quota quantities are made by the USTR, the USTR may make the necessary adjustments to the appropriate quota quantities.</p> <p>(f) <u>United States International Trade Commission (USITC) surveys.</u>--The USITC shall conduct mandatory surveys with respect to the products subject to import relief under each item involved as follows:</p> <p>(i) <u>Quarterly.</u>--Surveys by calendar quarter to obtain from domestic producers monthly data on production, shipments, prices, employment, and man-hours; and to obtain from importers data by calendar quarter on prices, orders, and inventories. The initial surveys shall cover the fourth quarter of 1982 and the first two quarters of 1983; subsequent surveys will cover individual quarters; the last such survey shall cover the quarter which ends not less than 60 days prior to the termination of the import restraints. The USITC shall publish the results of the initial surveys by October 1, 1983 and the results of later surveys within 45 days of the end of the surveyed quarter. Such surveys will be conducted monthly, upon written request of the USTR to the USITC, if the USTR determines that monthly reporting is necessary.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Annually.</u>--Annual surveys to obtain from domestic producers data by calendar quarter on profits, orders, and inventories, and annual data on capital expenditures, capacity, and research and development expenditures. The initial surveys shall cover the fourth quarter of 1982 and calendar year 1982, as appropriate, and calendar year 1983, and the results shall be published by March 31, 1984. The results of subsequent surveys shall be published by March 31 of each year thereafter so long as the import restraints in this subpart are in effect. With each annual survey, the USITC shall also report the production, capacity, and capacity utilization, to the extent the information can be obtained, for each country which is a major supplier of imports, and any projected changes in production, capacity, and capacity utilization for those countries.</p>				

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Item	Stat. Suf- fix	Articles	Units of Quantity	Rates of Duty		
				1	Special	2
		<p>(g) Products Subject to Certain Export Restraint Agreements.</p> <p>(i) The duties provided for in items 926.00 and 926.05 shall not apply to products of Australia, Austria, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, the European Communities (Belgium, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), German Democratic Republic, Finland, Hungary, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Venezuela, Yugoslavia exported to the United States on or after March 1, 1986.</p>				

ANNEX

Subpart A, part 2 of the Appendix to the Tariff Schedules to the United States (19 U.S.C. 1202) is modified --

(a) by deleting headnote 10(f) and inserting in lieu thereof new headnote 10(f) to read as follows:

"(f) United States International Trade Commission (USITC) surveys.--The USITC shall conduct annual mandatory surveys with respect to the products subject to import relief under each item involved to obtain from domestic producers data by calendar quarter on profits, orders, and inventories, and annual data on production, shipments, employment, capital expenditures, capacity, and research and development expenditures. The initial survey shall cover calendar year 1987, and the results shall be published by March 31, 1988. The final survey shall cover calendar year 1988, and the results shall be published by March 31, 1989. With each annual survey, the USITC shall also report the production, capacity, and capacity utilization, to the extent the information can be obtained, for each country which is a major supplier of imports, and any projected changes in production, capacity, and capacity utilization for those countries."

(b) by deleting headnote 10(g) and inserting in lieu thereof new headnote 10(g) to read as follows:

"(g) Products Subject to Certain Export Restraint Agreements.

(i) The duties provided for in items 926.00 and 926.05 shall not apply to products of Australia, Austria, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, the European Communities, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Japan, Mexico, People's Republic of China, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, South Africa, Venezuela, or Yugoslavia, exported to the United States on or after March 1, 1986.

(ii) The quantitative limitations provided for in items 926.10 through 926.21 shall not apply to products of Austria, Brazil, or the following Member States of the European Communities: Belgium, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland."

(c) by striking items 926.00 through 926.23, inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof the following new items and superior headings thereto:

"Item	Articles	Rates of Duty		
		1	2	
	: Effective with respect to			:
	: articles entered during the			:
	: period --			:
	: July 20, : July 20, : July 20,			:
	: 1987 : 1988 : 1989			:
	: through : through : through			:
	: July 19, : July 19, : September 30,			:
	: 1988 : 1989 : 1989			:
926.00	: Sheets and strip of			:
	: stainless steel (except			:
	: as provided for in head-			:
	: note 10(g)(i) to this			:
	: subpart, and except			:
	: razor blade steel,			:
	: cladding grade 434			:
	: stainless steel sheet,			:
	: cold-rolled sheets of			:
	: stainless steel, over			:
	: 71 inches in width,			:
	: stainless steel of the			:
	: type described in head-			:
	: note 10(a)(v), and			:
	: flapper valve steel)			:
	: provided for in items			:
	: 607.76, 607.90, 608.29,			:
	: 608.43, and 608.57, part			:
	: 2B, schedule 6, all the			:
	: foregoing whether or not			:
	: entitled to duty-free			:
	: treatment under item			:
	: 832.00, part 3A,			:
	: schedule 8.....: 3% ad val. : 2% ad val.: 1% ad val.			: No
				:Change
926.05	: Plates of stainless			:
	: steel (except as provided:			:
	: in headnote 10(g)(i) to			:
	: this subpart, and except			:
	: stainless steel of the			:
	: type described in head-			:
	: note 10(a)(v)) provided			:
	: for in items 607.76 and			:
	: 607.90, part 2B, sched-			:
	: ule 6, all the fore-			:
	: going whether or not			:
	: entitled to duty-free			:
	: treatment under item			:
	: 832.00, part 3A, schedule:			:
	: 8.....: 3% ad val. : 2% ad val.: 1% ad val.			: No
				:Change

Item :	Article	Quota Quantity (in short tons)
:	: Whenever the respective aggregate quantity	:
:	: of articles the product of a foreign	:
:	: country specified below for items 926.10	:
:	: through 926.21, inclusive, has been entered	:
:	: in any restraint period (whether, for tariff	:
:	: purposes, in schedule 6 or in item 832.00	:
:	: of schedule 8), no article in such item the	:
:	: product of such country may be entered	:
:	: during the remainder of such restraint	:
:	: period, except as provided in headnote 10:	:
:	: Bars of stainless steel (except stain-	:
:	: less steel of the type described in	:
:	: headnote 10(a)(v)), provided for in	:
:	: item 606.90, part 2B, schedule 6:	:
926.10:	If entered during the period from	
:	July 20, 1987, through October 19,	
:	1987, inclusive:	
:	Argentina.....	55
:	Canada.....	268
:	Japan.....	3,442
:	Korea.....	454
:	Mexico.....	40
:	Spain.....	1,069
:	Sweden.....	330
:	Other, except as provided in	
:	headnote 10(g)(ii) to this	
:	subpart.....	80
926.11:	If entered during the period from	
:	October 20, 1987, through July 19,	
:	1988, inclusive, except as provided	
:	in headnote 10(g)(ii) to this	
:	subpart.....	17,717
926.12:	If entered during the period from	
:	July 20, 1988, through July 19,	
:	1989, inclusive, except as provided	
:	in headnote 10(g)(ii) to this	
:	subpart.....	24,159
926.13:	If entered during the period from	
:	July 20, 1989, through September 30,	
:	1989, inclusive, except as provided	
:	in headnote 10(g)(ii) to this	
:	subpart.....	4,977

Item :	Article	Quota Quantity (in short tons)
:		
:	: [Whenever... (con.):]	:
:	Wire rod of stainless steel (except	:
:	stainless steel of the type described	:
:	in headnote 10(a)(v)), provided for	:
:	in items 607.26 and 607.43, part 2B,	:
:	schedule 6:	:
926.14:	If entered during the period from	:
:	July 20, 1987, through October 19,	:
:	1987, inclusive:	:
:	Japan.....	1,542
:	Spain.....	452
:	Sweden.....	964
:	Taiwan.....	50
:	Other, except as provided in	:
:	headnote 10(g)(ii) to this	:
:	subpart.....	299
926.15:	If entered during the period from	:
:	October 20, 1987, through July 19,	:
:	1988, inclusive, except as provided	:
:	in headnote 10(g)(ii) to this	:
:	subpart.....	10,213
926.16:	If entered during the period from	:
:	July 20, 1988, through July 19,	:
:	1989, inclusive, except as provided	:
:	in headnote 10(g)(ii) to this	:
:	subpart.....	13,926
926.17:	If entered during the period from	:
:	July 20, 1989, through September 30,	:
:	1989, inclusive, except as provided	:
:	in headnote 10(g)(ii) to this	:
:	subpart.....	2,869

Item	Article	Quota Quantity (in short tons)
:	: (Whenever... (con.):)	:
:	Bars, wire rods, plates, sheets, and	:
:	strip, all the foregoing of alloy	:
:	tool steel (except chipper knife steel,	:
:	band saw steel, rotor steel for	:
:	hysteresis motors, and tool steel of	:
:	the type described in headnote 10(a)	:
:	(viii)), provided for in items 606.95,	:
:	607.28, 607.34, 607.46, 607.54, 607.72,	:
:	607.88, 608.34, 608.49, and 608.64, and	:
:	round wire of high speed tool steel,	:
:	provided for in item 609.45, part 2B,	:
:	schedule 6:	:
926.18	If entered during the period from	:
:	July 20, 1987, through October 19,	:
:	1987, inclusive:	:
:	Argentina.....	56
:	Canada.....	386
:	Japan.....	1,123
:	Mexico.....	76
:	Poland.....	69
:	Spain.....	45
:	Sweden.....	2,120
:	Other, except as provided for	:
:	in headnote 10(g)(ii) to this	:
:	subpart.....	396
926.19	If entered during the period from	:
:	October 20, 1987, through July 19,	:
:	1988, inclusive, except as provided	:
:	in headnote 10(g)(ii) to this	:
:	subpart.....	13,182
926.20	If entered during the period from	:
:	July 20, 1988, through July 19,	:
:	1989, inclusive, except as provided	:
:	in headnote 10(g)(ii) to this	:
:	subpart.....	17,977
926.21	If entered during the period from	:
:	July 20, 1989, through September 30,	:
:	1989, inclusive, except as provided	:
:	in headnote 10(g)(ii) to this	:
:	subpart.....	3,703

