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STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 20% YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH APRIL
Finished Import Market Share YTD at 18%

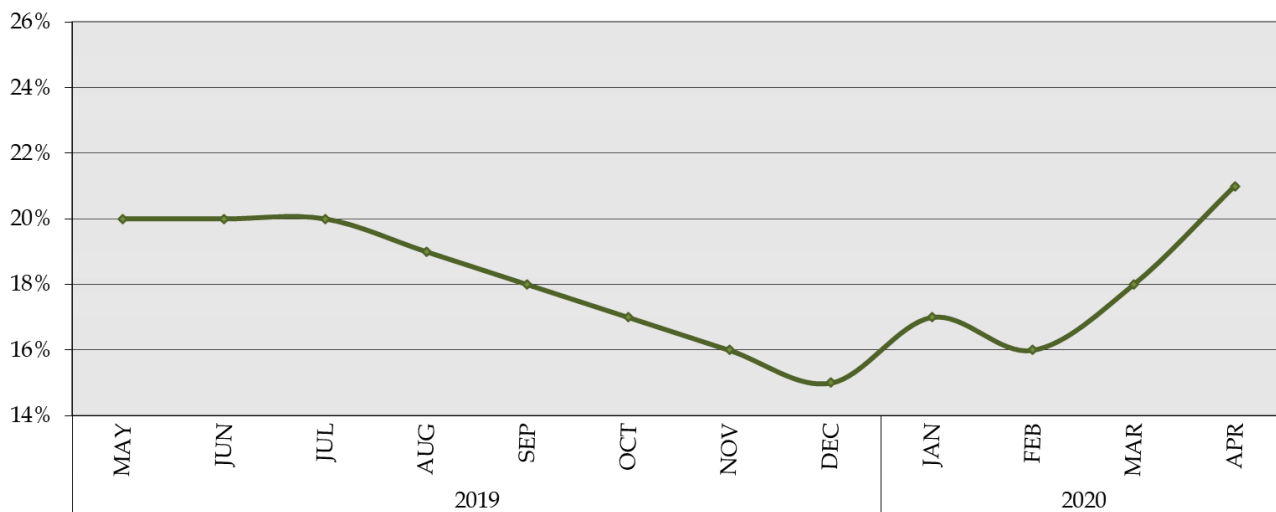
Washington, D.C. – Based on preliminary Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 2,773,000 net tons (NT) of steel in April 2020, including 1,309,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 58.2% and down 13.5%, respectively, vs. March final data). Through the first four months of 2020, total and finished steel imports are 9,185,000 and 5,819,000 net tons (NT), down 20.3% and 28.2%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2019. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2020 would be 27.6 and 17.5 million NT, down 1.4% and 17.1%, respectively, vs. 2019. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 21% in April and is estimated at 18% over the first four months of 2020.

Key finished steel products with a significant increase in imports in April compared to March are heavy structural shapes (up 57%), reinforcing bars (up 54%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 31%) and tin plate (up 14%).

Steel Mill Product	Apr. 2020 Prelim.	Mar. 2020 Final	% var Apr. vs. Mar.	YTD 2020 (4 mo.)	YTD 2019 (4 mo.)	% var '20 vs. '19	2020 Ann.	2019 12 mo.	% var 2020 vs 2019
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	1,462,401	237,016	517.0%	3,359,803	3,416,729	-1.7%	10,079,410	6,869,038	46.7%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	132,722	205,781	-35.5%	776,324	891,006	-12.9%	2,328,973	2,437,210	-4.4%
Sheets Hot Rolled	116,242	135,264	-14.1%	581,552	652,272	-10.8%	1,744,657	1,882,595	-7.3%
Oil Country Goods	93,028	195,614	-52.4%	501,871	1,026,543	-51.1%	1,505,613	2,354,111	-36.0%
Sheets Cold Rolled	124,491	126,416	-1.5%	490,597	625,141	-21.5%	1,471,790	1,699,164	-13.4%
Bars - Reinforcing	122,476	79,474	54.1%	403,285	428,913	-6.0%	1,209,856	1,103,232	9.7%
Plates in Coils	72,920	70,019	4.1%	312,622	441,913	-29.3%	937,865	1,155,654	-18.8%
Wire Rods	67,238	66,601	1.0%	261,486	422,993	-38.2%	784,457	943,880	-16.9%
Line Pipe	56,789	84,002	-32.4%	256,167	909,470	-71.8%	768,501	1,820,403	-57.8%
Bars - Hot Rolled	52,706	68,047	-22.5%	243,502	311,628	-21.9%	730,505	901,414	-19.0%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic Ctd.	57,206	43,764	30.7%	227,888	239,767	-5.0%	683,664	692,707	-1.3%
Wire Drawn	58,071	57,792	0.5%	226,962	250,607	-9.4%	680,885	685,618	-0.7%
Standard Pipe	47,151	54,413	-13.3%	209,703	237,274	-11.6%	629,110	707,857	-11.1%
Mechanical Tubing	35,708	54,817	-34.9%	208,493	194,644	7.1%	625,479	583,301	7.2%
Tin Plate	57,855	50,904	13.7%	199,159	259,479	-23.2%	597,476	755,956	-21.0%
Structural Shapes Heavy	36,510	23,326	56.5%	164,747	185,442	-11.2%	494,242	550,173	-10.2%
Structural Pipe & Tubing	28,065	42,812	-34.4%	132,120	148,834	-11.2%	396,360	416,775	-4.9%
All Other	151,239	156,558	-3.4%	629,180	879,229	-28.4%	1,887,539	2,378,156	-20.6%
TOTAL	2,772,819	1,752,620	58.2%	9,185,461	11,521,886	-20.3%	27,556,382	27,937,243	-1.4%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	1,308,729	1,513,674	-13.5%	5,818,547	8,099,789	-28.2%	17,455,640	21,051,437	-17.1%

In April the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (161,000 NT, down 22% from March final), Brazil (69,000 NT, up 388%), Japan (68,000 NT, up 21%), Germany (64,000 NT, down 7%) and Turkey (53,000 NT, up 62%). For the first four months of 2020, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (708,000 NT, down 29% vs. the same period in 2019), Japan (270,000 NT, down 45%), Germany (233,000 NT, down 49%), Brazil (210,000 NT, down 19%) and Turkey (209,000 NT, up 50%). Below are charts on estimated steel import market share in recent months and on finished steel imports from offshore by country.

Estimated Finished Steel Import Market Share for the Past 12 Months



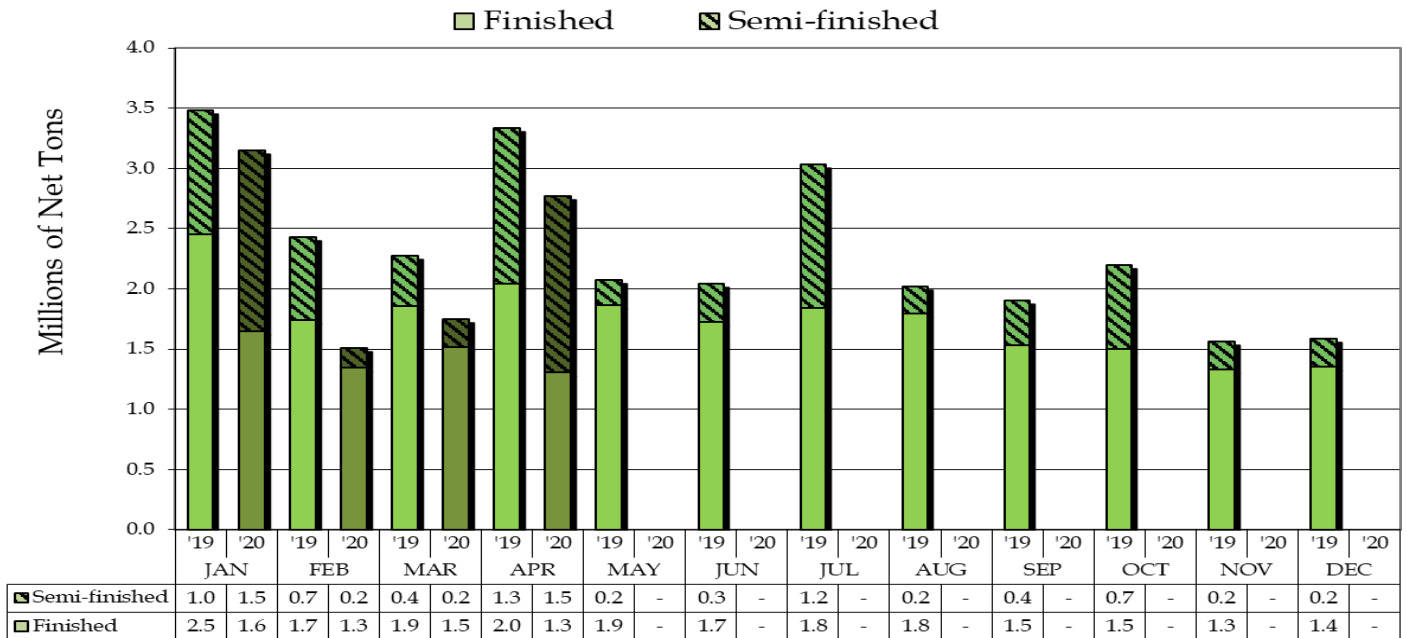
**U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS
BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
(thousands of net tons)**

COUNTRY	Apr. 2020 Prelim.	Mar. 2020 Final	% var Apr. vs. Mar.	YTD 2020 (4 mo.)	YTD 2019 (4 mo.)	% var '20 vs. '19	2020 Ann.	2019 12 mo.	% var 2020 vs. '19
South Korea	161	206	-21.6%	708	997	-29.0%	2,123	2,576	-17.6%
Japan	68	56	21.2%	270	487	-44.5%	811	1,242	-34.7%
Germany	64	69	-7.2%	233	453	-48.5%	699	1,043	-33.0%
Brazil	69	14	388.1%	210	259	-18.8%	630	534	18.0%
Turkey	53	33	61.8%	209	139	49.8%	626	328	91.2%
Taiwan	48	61	-21.8%	185	356	-48.0%	555	830	-33.1%
Spain	44	42	5.0%	148	144	2.5%	443	445	-0.3%
Vietnam	24	28	-13.5%	106	307	-65.4%	319	663	-51.9%
All Other	776	1,004	-22.7%	3,750	4,957	-24.4%	11,249	13,391	-16.0%
Total	1,309	1,514	-13.5%	5,819	8,100	-28.2%	17,456	21,051	-17.1%

U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS			
3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE			
(thousands of net tons)			
Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Apr. '20 - Feb. '20	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jan. '20 - Nov. '19	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Wire Rods	63	53	17.7%
Structural Shapes Heavy	41	28	45.6%
Steel Piling	1	6	-80.8%
Plates Cut Lengths	34	39	-13.7%
Plates in Coils	76	84	-9.5%
Rails Standard	0	3	-94.7%
Rails All Other	1	1	-26.8%
Railroad Accessories	1	2	-45.3%
Bars - Hot Rolled	59	70	-15.5%
Bars - Light Shapes	11	11	2.1%
All Other	1,104	1,149	-3.9%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,390	1,445	-3.8%

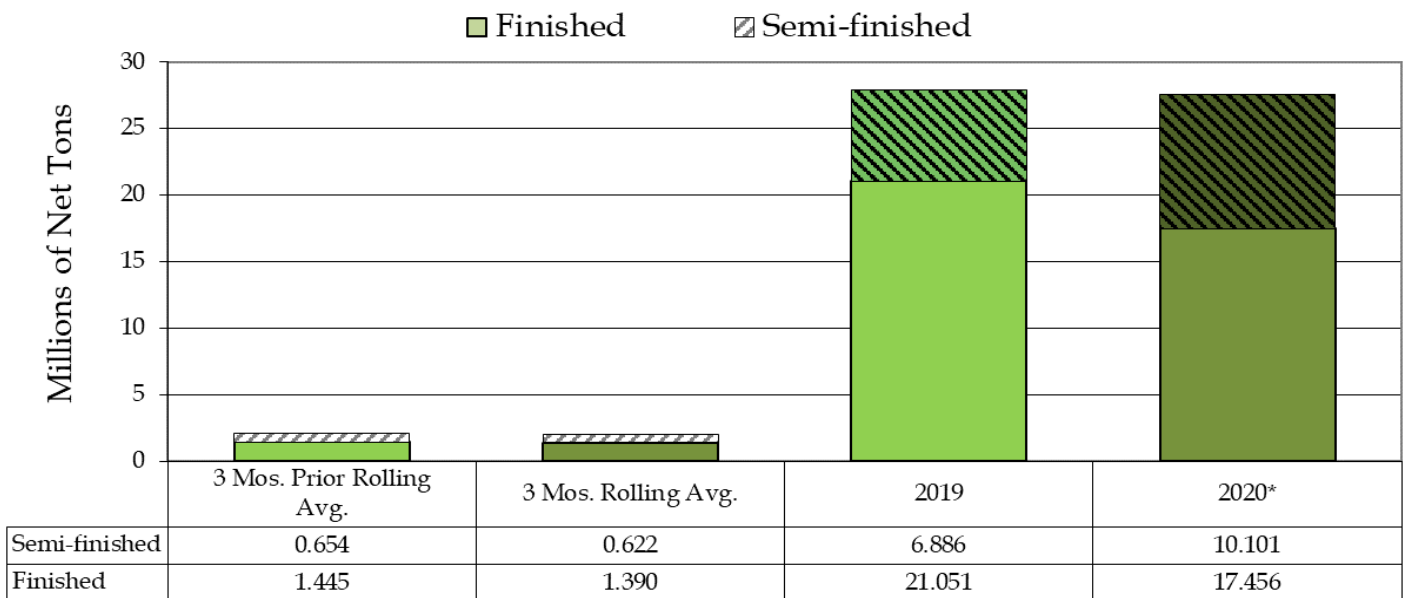
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South Korea	175	179	-2.3%
Japan	65	76	-14.8%
Germany	61	61	1.5%
Turkey	53	32	65.4%
Taiwan	47	35	35.6%
Brazil	40	38	7.0%
Spain	31	34	-8.3%
Netherlands	29	45	-34.1%
Vietnam	26	23	16.2%
China	24	24	-0.7%
All Other	838	900	-6.9%
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Monthly Imports 2020 vs. 2019



% change finished imports April 2020 vs. April 2019 -36.0%

3 Month Rolling Averages and 2020 vs. 2019



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -3.8%

% change semi-finished imports 2020 vs. 2019 = +46.7%

% change finished imports 2020 vs. 2019 = -17.1%

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