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**Preliminary Steel Imports Rise 7%; Highest Monthly Total Since January 2009**  
Import Market Share 21% in May

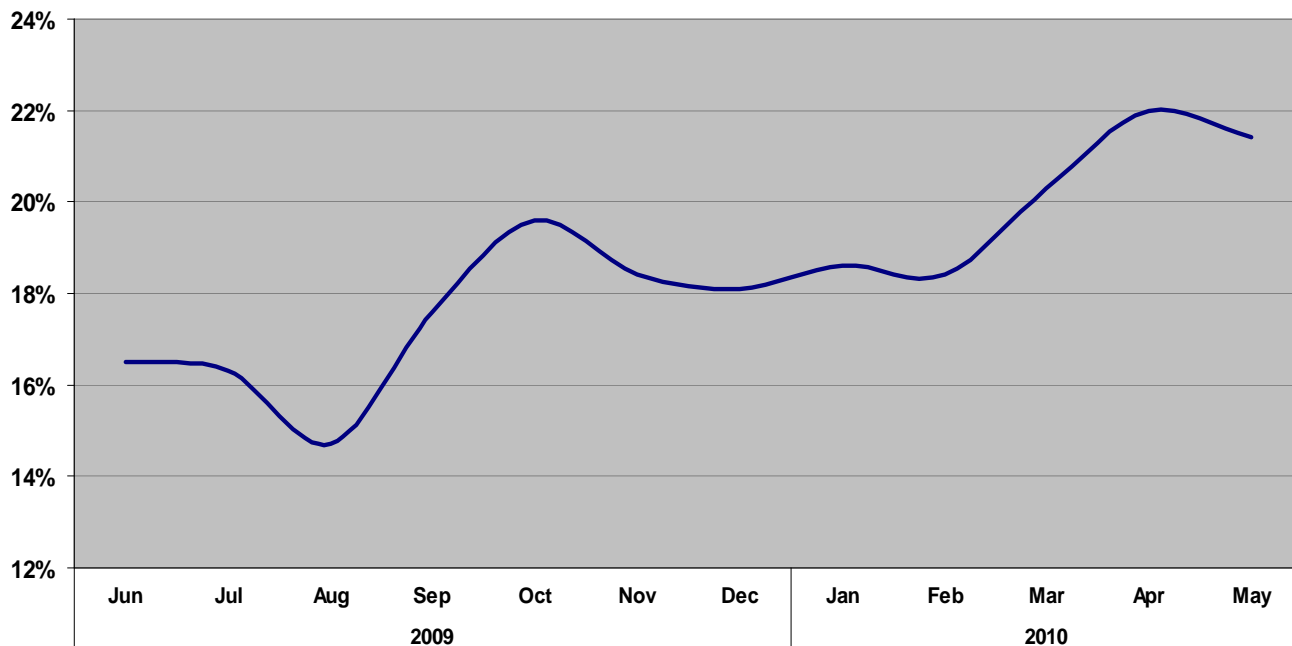
**Washington, D.C.** – Based on preliminary Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 2,226,000 net tons (NT) of steel in May, including 1,722,000 NT of finished steel (up 7% and 3%, respectively, vs. April final data). This was the highest monthly total since January 2009 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive monthly increase. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2010 would be 23.0 and 18.1 million NT, respectively, up 42% and 28% vs. 2009. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 21% in May, vs. a low of 15% in August 2009. Import market share has remained above 20% since March.

Key finished steel products with significant import increases in May 2010 compared to April include plates in coils (up 34%), tin plate (up 32%), mechanical tubing (up 23%), oil country goods (up 21%) and sheets and strip galvanized hot dipped (up 17%).

Steel Mill Product	May (prelim.)	Apr. final	% var May vs. Apr.	(5 mo) YTD 2010	(5 mo) YTD 2009	% var '10 vs. '09	2010 Annualized	2009 12 mo.	% var 2010 ann. vs 2009 12 mo.
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	501,771	396,030	26.7%	2,032,144	506,260	301.4%	4,877,146	2,014,511	142.1%
Sheets Hot Rolled	201,361	196,440	2.5%	969,082	723,709	33.9%	2,325,797	1,739,209	33.7%
Oil Country Goods	233,714	193,632	20.7%	784,964	1,324,752	-40.7%	1,883,915	1,602,111	17.6%
Line Pipe	132,952	180,219	-26.2%	706,395	880,383	-19.8%	1,695,348	1,603,357	5.7%
Sheets & Strip Galv HD	142,338	121,428	17.2%	616,946	520,937	18.4%	1,480,671	1,033,045	43.3%
Wire Rods	124,646	115,428	8.0%	589,466	231,160	155.0%	1,414,719	763,391	85.3%
Sheets Cold Rolled	97,123	96,683	0.5%	473,250	533,736	-11.3%	1,135,801	1,137,583	-0.2%
Plates in Coils	141,383	105,651	33.8%	445,746	331,728	34.4%	1,069,791	710,897	50.5%
Bars - Hot Rolled	94,121	89,165	5.6%	424,487	297,833	42.5%	1,018,769	674,388	51.1%
Plates Cut Lengths	52,752	64,995	-18.8%	303,878	286,363	6.1%	729,307	530,221	37.5%
Standard Pipe	58,916	65,169	-9.6%	287,612	307,938	-6.6%	690,270	593,409	16.3%
Wire Drawn	52,578	51,104	2.9%	250,413	181,187	38.2%	600,991	486,302	23.6%
Bars - Reinforcing	21,076	75,948	-72.2%	210,038	263,396	-20.3%	504,091	419,426	20.2%
Structural Shapes Heavy	64,860	61,796	5.0%	209,655	204,829	2.4%	503,172	371,418	35.5%
Tin Plate	42,083	31,973	31.6%	174,678	115,559	51.2%	419,228	322,955	29.8%
Sheets & Strip All Other	38,759	53,837	-28.0%	173,499	146,208	18.7%	416,397	298,070	39.7%
Mechanical Tubing	34,633	28,250	22.6%	140,509	179,251	-21.6%	337,221	332,661	1.4%
All Other	191,314	150,647	27.0%	810,845	726,562	11.6%	1,946,026	1,581,951	23.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,226,380</b>	<b>2,078,395</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>9,603,607</b>	<b>7,761,791</b>	<b>23.7%</b>	<b>23,048,660</b>	<b>16,214,905</b>	<b>42.1%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,721,521</b>	<b>1,677,523</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>7,558,015</b>	<b>7,246,597</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>18,139,235</b>	<b>14,178,577</b>	<b>27.9%</b>

In May, the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (180,000, down 8%), Japan (122,000 NT, up 34%), India (116,000, up 187%), Germany (96,000 NT, up 12%) and China (60,000, down 2%). 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	May 2010	Apr. 2010	% incr. May vs Apr.	(5 mo) YTD 2010	(5 mo) YTD 2009	% incr. '10 YTD vs. '09	2010 full year (est.)	2009 Annual	% incr. 2010 an. vs. '09
South Korea	180	197	<b>-8.4%</b>	735	735	<b>0.1%</b>	1,765	1,323	<b>33.4%</b>
Japan	122	91	<b>34.2%</b>	547	500	<b>9.4%</b>	1,313	981	<b>33.9%</b>
Germany	96	86	<b>11.7%</b>	387	263	<b>47.2%</b>	929	495	<b>87.8%</b>
China	60	61	<b>-1.7%</b>	292	1,153	<b>-74.6%</b>	702	1,463	<b>-52.0%</b>
India	116	40	<b>187.0%</b>	286	346	<b>-17.2%</b>	687	581	<b>18.2%</b>
Turkey	46	86	<b>-46.8%</b>	247	321	<b>-23.1%</b>	593	492	<b>20.6%</b>
Australia	52	34	<b>54.0%</b>	219	111	<b>96.0%</b>	524	285	<b>84.3%</b>
Italy	35	53	<b>-33.5%</b>	217	85	<b>154.6%</b>	521	323	<b>61.4%</b>
All Other	1,015	1,030	<b>-1.5%</b>	4,627	3,732	<b>24.0%</b>	11,105	8,237	<b>34.8%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>7,558</b>	<b>7,247</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>18,139</b>	<b>14,179</b>	<b>27.9%</b>

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3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE  
(thousands of net tons)**

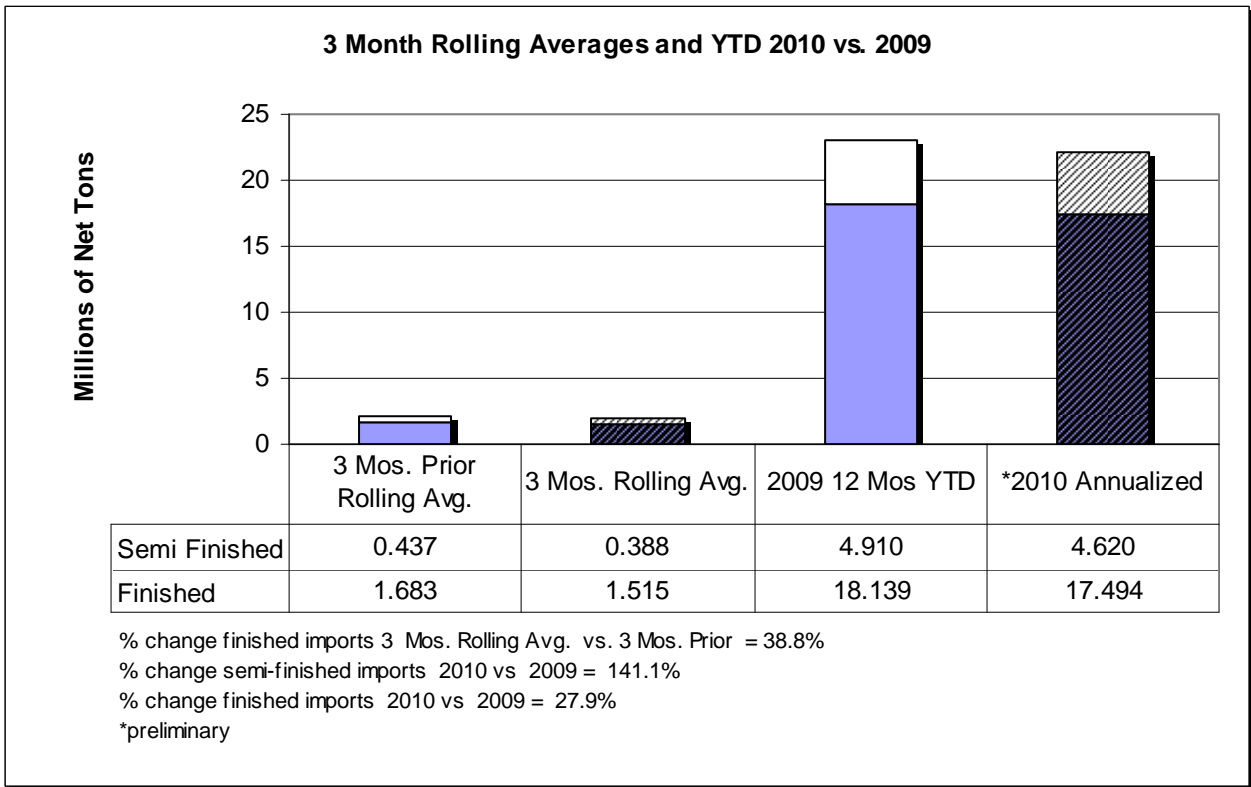
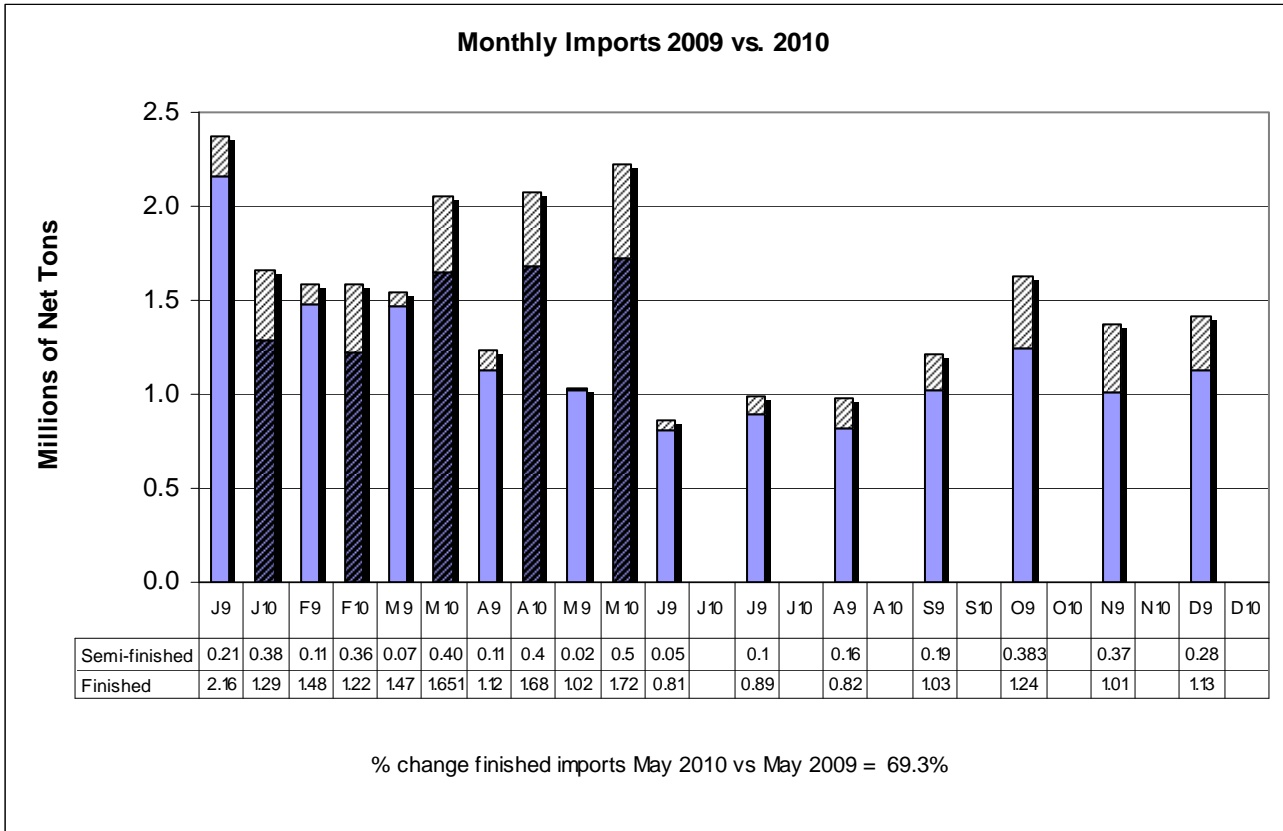
<b>Product</b>	<b>Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. May. 10 - Mar. 10</b>	<b>Actual 3 Mos. Prior Feb. 10- Dec. 09</b>	<b>Current 3 Months vs 3 Months Prior % Change</b>
Sheets Hot Rolled	205	171	20.1%
Oil Country Goods	191	90	112.3%
Line Pipe	154	119	30.2%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	139	94	47.9%
Wire Rods	125	105	19.0%
Plates in Coils	112	50	121.4%
Sheets Cold Rolled	96	98	-1.9%
Bars - Hot Rolled	92	78	16.8%
Plates Cut Lengths	76	39	95.5%
Standard Pipe	60	52	15.8%
All Other	435	318	36.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>38.8%</b>

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South Korea	162	118	37.9%
Japan	117	100	17.7%
Germany	107	36	199.4%
India	72	37	97.0%
Turkey	60	35	71.4%
China	60	53	13.1%
Australia	48	34	39.8%
Taiwan	42	22	94.7%
Italy	40	49	-18.2%
United Kingdom	33	25	34.1%
All Other	942	706	33.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>38.8%</b>

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

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