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## Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) System now includes the Country of Original Melt and Pour

In late 2020, Commerce launched the modernized Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) system, which is comprised of the new steel import licensing application platform and an interactive public SIMA monitor. The new online SIMA platforms available from <https://trade.gov/steel> represent the first major overhaul of the system since 2005<sup>1</sup>.

### Two Major Changes to SIMA Licensing Requirements:

1. All steel import license applications now include a mandatory field for the country where the raw steel was melted and poured<sup>2</sup>; and
2. The SIMA licensing requirements were expanded to include products falling under eight additional steel product HTS codes<sup>3</sup>.

The modernized SIMA monitor continues to incorporate data collected from the licenses and allow for the effective and timely monitoring of steel import trends by country of origin and steel product where there is comparable data. Plus, SIMA now has a dashboard displaying the unique data collected from the licenses on the original country of melt and pour for the steel products imported, providing new supply chain details. This is another tool to identify potential transshipment and circumvention of Commerce's antidumping and countervailing duty orders that protect American businesses and workers from unfairly traded foreign products.

### The New, Interactive Public SIMA Monitor

The modernized public SIMA monitor continues to merge the historic import data with the early warning data collected from the licenses and is updated weekly. The new SIMA monitor is interactive with tables and visualizations. For example, the chart below highlights total U.S. imports of steel by volume (MT) and includes 2 months of early imports based on license data. The data associated with the graphics are available for printing or downloading.

The graphic below shows monthly data (Census and license data) for U.S. imports of steel mill products by the 6 aggregate product categories:

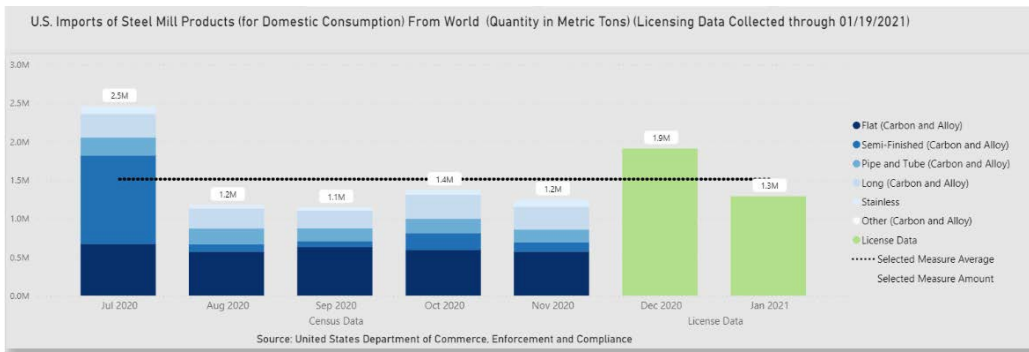
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<sup>1</sup> The [final rule](#) announcing the changes was published on September 11, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> 19 CFR 103(c)(3) defines the country of melt and pour as where: the raw steel is (1) first produced in a steel-making furnace in a liquid state and then (2) poured into its first solid shape. The first solid state can take the form of either a semi-finished product (slab, billets or ingots) or a finished steel mill product. Also, the location of melt and pour is customarily identified on mill test certificates that are commonplace in steel production, generated at each stage of the production process, and maintained in the ordinary course of business.

<sup>3</sup> The scope now is aligned with the Section 232 – see [the concordance](#) for the SIMA product groups.



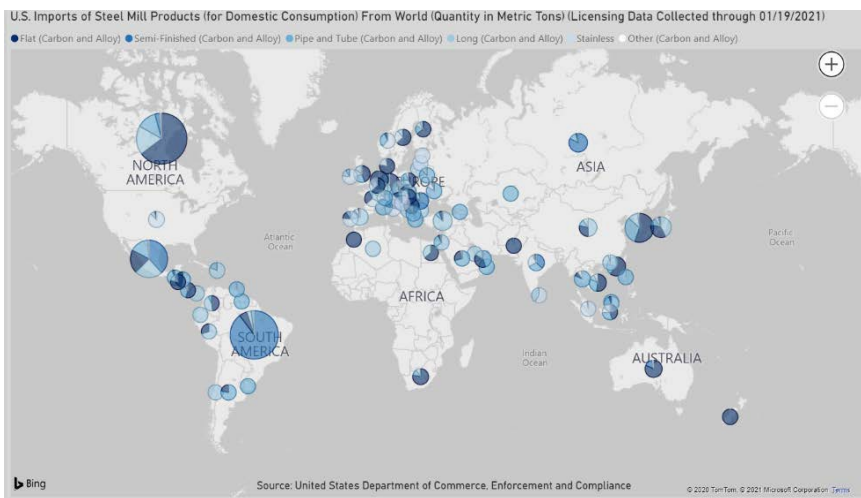


The new SIMA monitor is available at: <https://www.trade.gov/data-visualization/sima-import-monitor>

Some of the enhanced capabilities of the new public SIMA monitor include:

- New user-interactive functionalities to allow customized searches of the data by country, product or aggregate category, time frame, and measures; and,
- Interactive visuals, including a map, to display U.S. steel import data geographically by steel products.
- Users can also drill down, print and download the data for additional individualized analysis.

The map below shows data for U.S. imports of steel mill products by the 6 aggregate product categories:

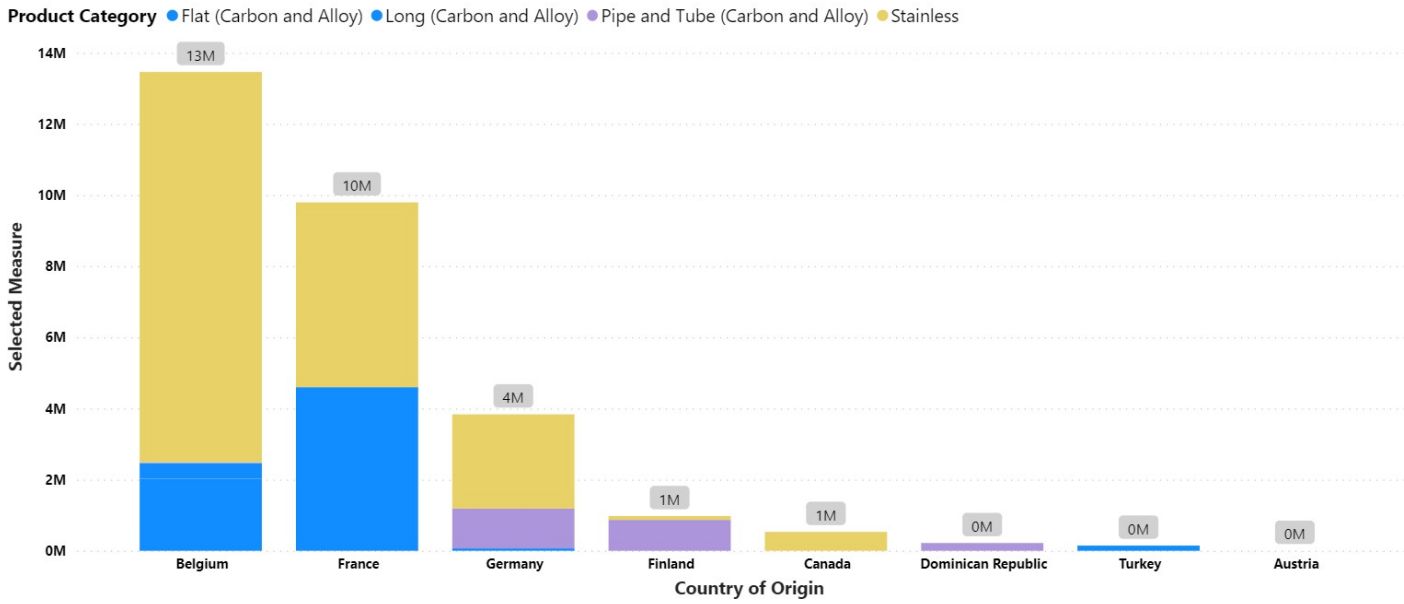


The [SIMA Country of Melt and Pour dashboard version 1](#) shows aggregated new data collected from the steel licenses (since October 13 when the requirement went into effect) about where the finished steel imported was originally melted and poured and the country of origin. You will find the first two months of data available on <https://trade.gov/steel>. The data are reported at the 6-steel product category level so as not to disclose business proprietary data.



The graphic below shows the countries from which steel originally melted and poured in Belgium came to the United States by finished import product categories.

**U.S. Imports for Domestic Consumption melted and poured in Belgium: Value in U.S. Dollars by Country of Origin and Product Category**



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