

**STAINLESS STEEL AND ALLOY TOOL STEEL:  
U.S. IMPORTERS' PRICES,  
UNSHIPPED ORDERS,  
AND INVENTORIES,  
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Summary Highlight of Economic Conditions in the Stainless Steel  
and Alloy Tool Steel Industry in the Calendar Year 1979

U.S. importers' unshipped orders

Importers' unshipped orders data indicate a decrease of about 3,000 tons from an average 25,000 tons in 1978 to 22,000 tons in 1979. This 1979 figure compares with an average of 26,000 tons for the 5-year period, 1974-78.

U.S. importers' inventories

Average annual importers' inventories declined from 35,000 tons in 1978 to 25,000 tons in 1979. This latter figure compares with an average of 32,000 tons for the 5-year period, 1974-78.

U.S. importers' prices

Average yearly prices increased for 7 of 14 products surveyed and decreased for 1 product; price data were not reported for 6 products. The average price increase was 14.7 percent and the one price decrease was 13.0 percent.

Table 1.--Stainless steel sheet (cold rolled): Range and weighted average of lowest net selling prices, price at which the largest volume was shipped, and average unit value of total quantity shipped by U.S. importers of selected types of sheet to steel-service centers or distributors, by months, 1979

| (In cents per pound)                          |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Year and month                                | Lowest price |                  | Price at which largest volume was shipped |                  | Average unit value of total quantity shipped |
|                                               | Range        | Weighted average | Range                                     | Weighted average |                                              |
|                                               |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| Grade 430, 2B finish, 20 gauge x coil         |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| 1979:                                         |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| January-----                                  | 65-84        | 71               | 71-84                                     | 71               | 71                                           |
| February-----                                 | 65-84        | 76               | 84                                        | 84               | 80                                           |
| March-----                                    | 65-84        | 78               | 84                                        | 84               | 81                                           |
| April-----                                    | 65-84        | 82               | 84                                        | 84               | 83                                           |
| May-----                                      | 65-85        | 71               | 71                                        | 71               | 71                                           |
| June-----                                     | 65-85        | 79               | 78-85                                     | 79               | 79                                           |
| July-----                                     | 65-85        | 74               | 76-85                                     | 74               | 74                                           |
| August-----                                   | 85           | 85               | 85                                        | 85               | 85                                           |
| September-----                                | 83           | 83               | 82                                        | 82               | 82                                           |
| October-----                                  | 80           | 80               | 80                                        | 80               | 80                                           |
| November-----                                 | 80           | 80               | 80                                        | 80               | 80                                           |
| December-----                                 | 80           | 80               | 80                                        | 80               | 80                                           |
| Grade 304, 2B finish, 8-14 gauge x 36' x coil |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| 1979:                                         |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| January-----                                  | 72-93        | 76               | 72-93                                     | 76               | 76                                           |
| February-----                                 | 81-93        | 82               | 83-93                                     | 83               | 83                                           |
| March-----                                    | 76-93        | 78               | 78-98                                     | 78               | 78                                           |
| April-----                                    | 76-93        | 87               | 78-93                                     | 81               | 84                                           |
| May-----                                      | 70-93        | 75               | 70-93                                     | 72               | 73                                           |
| June-----                                     | 76-94        | 86               | 77-84                                     | 78               | 82                                           |
| July-----                                     | 93-95        | 94               | 93-95                                     | 94               | 94                                           |
| August-----                                   | 81-94        | 91               | 81-94                                     | 81               | 89                                           |
| September-----                                | 85-94        | 93               | 85-94                                     | 85               | 88                                           |
| October-----                                  | 84-95        | 88               | 84-85                                     | 84               | 86                                           |
| November-----                                 | 93-97        | 95               | 95-97                                     | 95               | 95                                           |
| December-----                                 | 88-93        | 90               | 88-93                                     | 88               | 89                                           |

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--The number of U.S. importers responding to the request for price data varied from month to month.

Table 2.--Stainless steel plate (hot rolled): Range and weighted average of lowest net selling prices, price at which the largest volume was shipped, and average unit value of total quantity shipped by U.S. importers of selected types of plate to steel service centers of distributors, by months, 1979

| (In cents per pound) |                                    |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Year and month       | Lowest price                       |                  | Price at which largest volume was shipped |                  | Average unit value of total quantity shipped |
|                      | Range                              | Weighted average | Range                                     | Weighted average |                                              |
|                      | Grade 304, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" x 240" |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| 1979:                |                                    |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| January-----         | 87                                 | 87               | 88                                        | 88               | 88                                           |
| February-----        | 87-88                              | 88               | 88                                        | 88               | 88                                           |
| March-----           | 85-88                              | 86               | 85-88                                     | 86               | 86                                           |
| April-----           | 77-88                              | 81               | 77-93                                     | 83               | 82                                           |
| May-----             | 87-88                              | 88               | 90                                        | 90               | 89                                           |
| June-----            | 79-96                              | 81               | 79-96                                     | 81               | 81                                           |
| July-----            | 87                                 | 87               | 87                                        | 87               | 87                                           |
| August-----          | 83-89                              | 85               | 83-89                                     | 85               | 85                                           |
| September-----       | 87-96                              | 94               | 96                                        | 96               | 95                                           |
| October-----         | 87                                 | 87               | 87                                        | 87               | 87                                           |
| November-----        | 87                                 | 87               | 87                                        | 87               | 87                                           |
| December-----        | 87-98                              | 90               | 89-104                                    | 92               | 91                                           |

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--The number of U.S. importers responding to the request for price data varied from month to month.

Table 3.--Stainless steel bars: Range and weighted average of lowest net selling prices, price at which the largest volume was shipped, and average unit value of total quantity shipped by U.S. importers of selected types of bars to steel-service centers or distributors, by months, 1979

| (In cents per pound)                   |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Year and month                         | Lowest price |                  | Price at which largest volume was shipped |                  | Average unit value of total quantity shipped |
|                                        | Range        | Weighted average | Range                                     | Weighted average |                                              |
|                                        |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| Grade 304, cold finished, 1-1/2" round |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| 1979:                                  |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| January-----                           | 90-120       | 101              | 93-127                                    | 102              | 102                                          |
| February-----                          | 95-122       | 110              | 95-126                                    | 112              | 111                                          |
| March-----                             | 116-122      | 121              | 120-126                                   | 123              | 122                                          |
| April-----                             | 105-122      | 119              | 105-126                                   | 109              | 114                                          |
| May-----                               | 100-122      | 117              | 100-126                                   | 103              | 110                                          |
| June-----                              | 100-122      | 105              | 100-126                                   | 104              | 104                                          |
| July-----                              | 90-126       | 111              | 90-127                                    | 116              | 114                                          |
| August-----                            | 103-126      | 112              | 103-128                                   | 113              | 113                                          |
| September-----                         | 116-126      | 121              | 116-128                                   | 123              | 122                                          |
| October-----                           | 106-126      | 121              | 106-128                                   | 124              | 123                                          |
| November-----                          | 106-126      | 108              | 108-128                                   | 114              | 110                                          |
| December-----                          | 120-126      | 125              | 125-128                                   | 126              | 126                                          |
| Grade 303, cold finished, 1/2" round   |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| 1979:                                  |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| January-----                           | 98-139       | 133              | 105-139                                   | 130              | 131                                          |
| February-----                          | 98-139       | 122              | 126-139                                   | 135              | 130                                          |
| March-----                             | 105-139      | 138              | 136-139                                   | 138              | 138                                          |
| April-----                             | 125-140      | 135              | 131-140                                   | 137              | 136                                          |
| May-----                               | 106-140      | 134              | 125-140                                   | 135              | 135                                          |
| June-----                              | 128-140      | 134              | 128-140                                   | 136              | 135                                          |
| July-----                              | 131-143      | 136              | 134-143                                   | 141              | 139                                          |
| August-----                            | 132-143      | 138              | 138-143                                   | 141              | 140                                          |
| September-----                         | 135-144      | 139              | 142-144                                   | 143              | 141                                          |
| October-----                           | 115-146      | 140              | 142-146                                   | 145              | 142                                          |
| November-----                          | 117-146      | 145              | 144-146                                   | 145              | 145                                          |
| December-----                          | 130-146      | 144              | 130-146                                   | 145              | 145                                          |

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Note.--The number of U.S. importers responding to the request for price data varied from month to month.



Table 4.--Stainless steel bars: Range and weighted average of lowest net selling prices, price at which the largest volume was shipped, and average unit value of total quantity shipped by U.S. importers of selected types of bar to steel-service centers or distributors, by months, 1979

| (In cents per pound)               |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Year and month                     | Lowest price |                  | Price at which largest volume was shipped |                  | Average unit value of total quantity shipped |
|                                    | Range        | Weighted average | Range                                     | Weighted average |                                              |
|                                    |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| Grade 416, cold finished, 2" round |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| 1979:                              |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| January-----                       | 71-102       | 81               | 71-105                                    | 83               | 82                                           |
| February-----                      | 93-102       | 101              | 93-105                                    | 103              | 102                                          |
| March-----                         | 100-100      | 101              | 100-106                                   | 104              | 103                                          |
| April-----                         | 87-104       | 99               | 87-106                                    | 100              | 100                                          |
| May-----                           | 86-104       | 100              | 87-105                                    | 99               | 100                                          |
| June-----                          | 101-108      | 103              | 104-108                                   | 106              | 104                                          |
| July-----                          | 102-108      | 105              | 100-108                                   | 105              | 105                                          |
| August-----                        | 95-105       | 98               | 100-105                                   | 100              | 99                                           |
| September-----                     | 100-105      | 104              | 100-106                                   | 105              | 104                                          |
| October-----                       | 88-105       | 99               | 88-109                                    | 100              | 100                                          |
| November-----                      | 105-109      | 106              | 106-109                                   | 107              | 107                                          |
| December-----                      | 102-110      | 106              | 102-110                                   | 107              | 107                                          |

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Note.--The number of U.S. importers responding to the request for price data varied from month to month.

Table 5.--Stainless steel strip: Range and weighted average of lowest net selling prices, price at which the largest volume was shipped, and average unit value of total quantity shipped by U.S. importers of selected types of sheet to steel-service centers or distributors, by months, 1979

| (In cents per pound)                                  |              |          |                                           |          |                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|-------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| Year and month                                        | Lowest price |          | Price at which largest volume was shipped |          | Average unit value of total quantity shipped |
|                                                       | Range        | Weighted | Range                                     | Weighted |                                              |
|                                                       |              | average  |                                           | average  |                                              |
| Grade 430, 2 finish, .060" x 3" to 12" x coil         |              |          |                                           |          |                                              |
| 1979:                                                 | :            | :        | :                                         | :        | :                                            |
| January-----                                          | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| February-----                                         | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| March-----                                            | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| April-----                                            | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| May-----                                              | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| June-----                                             | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| July-----                                             | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| August-----                                           | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| September-----                                        | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| October-----                                          | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| November-----                                         | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| December-----                                         | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| Grade 430, 2 finish, .02" x 1" to under 1-1/2" x coil |              |          |                                           |          |                                              |
| 1979:                                                 | :            | :        | :                                         | :        | :                                            |
| January-----                                          | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| February-----                                         | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| March-----                                            | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| April-----                                            | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| May-----                                              | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| June-----                                             | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| July-----                                             | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| August-----                                           | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| September-----                                        | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| October-----                                          | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| November-----                                         | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |
| December-----                                         | - :          | - :      | - :                                       | - :      | - :                                          |

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Note.--The number of U.S. importers responding to the request for price data varied from month to month.

Table 6.--Stainless steel strip: Range and weighted average of lowest net selling prices, price at which the largest volume was shipped, and average unit value of total quantity shipped by U.S. importers of selected types of strip to end-use customers, by months, 1979

| (In cents per pound)                                                    |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Year and month                                                          | Lowest price |                  | Price at which largest volume was shipped |                  | Average unit value of total quantity shipped |     |
|                                                                         | Range        | Weighted average | Range                                     | Weighted average |                                              |     |
| Grade 434, 2 finish, BA .017 to under .020" x 1" to under 1-1/2" x coil |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |     |
| 1979:                                                                   | :            | :                | :                                         | :                | :                                            | :   |
| January-----                                                            | - :          | - :              | - :                                       | - :              | - :                                          | - : |
| February-----                                                           | - :          | - :              | - :                                       | - :              | - :                                          | - : |
| March-----                                                              | - :          | - :              | - :                                       | - :              | - :                                          | - : |
| April-----                                                              | - :          | - :              | - :                                       | - :              | - :                                          | - : |
| May-----                                                                | - :          | - :              | - :                                       | - :              | - :                                          | - : |
| June-----                                                               | - :          | - :              | - :                                       | - :              | - :                                          | - : |
| July-----                                                               | - :          | - :              | - :                                       | - :              | - :                                          | - : |
| August-----                                                             | - :          | - :              | - :                                       | - :              | - :                                          | - : |
| September-----                                                          | - :          | - :              | - :                                       | - :              | - :                                          | - : |
| October-----                                                            | - :          | - :              | - :                                       | - :              | - :                                          | - : |
| November-----                                                           | - :          | - :              | - :                                       | - :              | - :                                          | - : |
| December-----                                                           | - :          | - :              | - :                                       | - :              | - :                                          | - : |

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Note.--The number of U.S. importers responding to the request for price data varied from month to month.

Table 7.--Stainless steel sheet (cold rolled): Range and weighted average of lowest net selling prices, price at which the largest volume was shipped, and average unit value of total quantity shipped by U.S. importers of selected types of sheet to end-use customers, by months, 1979

| (In cents per pound)                                               |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|---|
| Year and month                                                     | Lowest price |                  | Price at which largest volume was shipped |                  | Average unit value of total quantity shipped |   |
|                                                                    | Range        | Weighted average | Range                                     | Weighted average |                                              |   |
| Grade 304, 2 finish, .035" to under .050" x over 12" to 18" x coil |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |   |
| 1979:                                                              |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |   |
| January-----                                                       | -            | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            | - |
| February-----                                                      | -            | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            | - |
| March-----                                                         | -            | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            | - |
| April-----                                                         | -            | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            | - |
| May-----                                                           | -            | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            | - |
| June-----                                                          | -            | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            | - |
| July-----                                                          | -            | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            | - |
| August-----                                                        | -            | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            | - |
| September-----                                                     | -            | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            | - |
| October-----                                                       | -            | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            | - |
| November-----                                                      | -            | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            | - |
| December-----                                                      | -            | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            | - |

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Note.--The number of U.S. importers responding to the request for price data varied from month to month.

Table 8.--Stainless steel wire rod: Range and weighted average of lowest net selling prices, price at which the largest volume was shipped, and average unit value of total quantity shipped by U.S. importers of selected types of rod to end-use customers, by months, 1979

| (In cents per pound)            |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Year and month                  | Lowest price |                  | Price at which largest volume was shipped |                  | Average unit value of total quantity shipped |
|                                 | Range        | Weighted average | Range                                     | Weighted average |                                              |
|                                 |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| Grade 304, .250" to .287" round |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| 1979:                           |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| January-----                    | 88           | 88               | 88                                        | 88               | 88                                           |
| February-----                   | 83           | 83               | 83                                        | 83               | 83                                           |
| March-----                      | 88           | 88               | 88                                        | 88               | 88                                           |
| April-----                      | 88           | 88               | 88                                        | 88               | 88                                           |
| May-----                        | 88           | 88               | 88                                        | 88               | 88                                           |
| June-----                       | 88           | 88               | 88                                        | 88               | 88                                           |
| July-----                       | 94           | 94               | 94                                        | 94               | 94                                           |
| August-----                     | 93-94        | 93               | 93-94                                     | 93               | 93                                           |
| September-----                  | 94           | 94               | 94                                        | 94               | 94                                           |
| October-----                    | 94           | 94               | 94                                        | 94               | 94                                           |
| November-----                   | 93-105       | 96               | 93-105                                    | 96               | 96                                           |
| December-----                   | 94-98        | 97               | 94-98                                     | 97               | 97                                           |

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--The number of U.S. importers responding to the request for price data varied from month to month.

Table 9.--High speed tool steel bar: Range and weighted average of lowest net selling prices, price at which the largest volume was shipped, and average unit value of total quantity shipped by U.S. importers of selected types of bar to end-use customers, by months, 1979

| (In cents per pound)                               |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Year and month                                     | Lowest price |                  | Price at which largest volume was shipped |                  | Average unit value of total quantity shipped |
|                                                    | Range        | Weighted average | Range                                     | Weighted average |                                              |
| Grade M-7, 1" round x cold finished                |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| 1979:                                              | :            | :                | :                                         | :                | :                                            |
| January-----                                       | -            | :                | -                                         | :                | -                                            |
| February-----                                      | -            | :                | -                                         | :                | -                                            |
| March-----                                         | -            | :                | -                                         | :                | -                                            |
| April-----                                         | -            | :                | -                                         | :                | -                                            |
| May-----                                           | -            | :                | -                                         | :                | -                                            |
| June-----                                          | -            | :                | -                                         | :                | -                                            |
| July-----                                          | -            | :                | -                                         | :                | -                                            |
| August-----                                        | -            | :                | -                                         | :                | -                                            |
| September-----                                     | -            | :                | -                                         | :                | -                                            |
| October-----                                       | -            | :                | -                                         | :                | -                                            |
| November-----                                      | -            | :                | -                                         | :                | -                                            |
| December-----                                      | -            | :                | -                                         | :                | -                                            |
| Grade M-2, 1" round x random lengths cold finished |              |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| 1979:                                              | :            | :                | :                                         | :                | :                                            |
| January-----                                       | :291-286     | :                | 295 :291-423                              | :                | 296                                          |
| February-----                                      | :305-316     | :                | 311 :315-316                              | :                | 316                                          |
| March-----                                         | :316-364     | :                | 324 :325-364                              | :                | 336                                          |
| April-----                                         | :316-400     | :                | 349 :316-400                              | :                | 349                                          |
| May-----                                           | :335-421     | :                | 343 :340-421                              | :                | 356                                          |
| June-----                                          | :325-448     | :                | 335 :325-452                              | :                | 362                                          |
| July-----                                          | :362-415     | :                | 370 :365-440                              | :                | 370                                          |
| August-----                                        | :325-400     | :                | 371 :325-400                              | :                | 381                                          |
| September-----                                     | :335-379     | :                | 338 :335-420                              | :                | 367                                          |
| October-----                                       | :350-379     | :                | 365 :351-379                              | :                | 365                                          |
| November-----                                      | :315-402     | :                | 359 :335-402                              | :                | 364                                          |
| December-----                                      | :335-406     | :                | 348 :341-406                              | :                | 373                                          |

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--The number of U.S. importers responding to the request for price data varied from month to month.

Table 10.--High-speed tool steel rod: Range and weighted average of lowest net selling prices, price at which the largest volume was shipped, and average unit value of total quantity shipped by U.S. importers of selected types of rod to end-use customers, by months, 1979

| (In cents per pound) |                                   |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Year and month       | Lowest price                      |                  | Price at which largest volume was shipped |                  | Average unit value of total quantity shipped |
|                      | Range                             | Weighted average | Range                                     | Weighted average |                                              |
|                      | Grade M-7, .250" round x HRA coil |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| 1979:                |                                   |                  |                                           |                  |                                              |
| January-----         | -                                 | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            |
| February-----        | -                                 | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            |
| March-----           | -                                 | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            |
| April-----           | -                                 | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            |
| May-----             | -                                 | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            |
| June-----            | -                                 | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            |
| July-----            | -                                 | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            |
| August-----          | -                                 | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            |
| September-----       | -                                 | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            |
| October-----         | -                                 | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            |
| November-----        | -                                 | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            |
| December-----        | -                                 | -                | -                                         | -                | -                                            |

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--The number of U.S. importers responding to the request for price data varied from month to month.

Table 11.--Stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. importers' unshipped orders, by quarters, Jan. 1, 1975-Jan. 1, 1980

(In thousands of tons)

| Date             | Stainless steel  |       |      |     |       | Alloy tool steel, all forms |
|------------------|------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|-----------------------------|
|                  | Sheets and strip | Plate | Bar  | Rod | Total |                             |
| Jan. 1, 1975---- | 9.3              | 3.5   | 10.4 | 5.6 | 28.9  | 9.0                         |
| Apr. 1, 1975---- | 6.4              | .9    | 6.8  | 3.1 | 17.2  | 8.0                         |
| July 1, 1975---- | 8.4              | 1.0   | 6.1  | 2.3 | 17.8  | 7.2                         |
| Oct. 1, 1975---- | 11.1             | 2.3   | 7.5  | 2.2 | 23.1  | 5.6                         |
| Jan. 1, 1976---- | 8.5              | 3.6   | 1.8  | 4.3 | 18.2  | 3.3                         |
| Apr. 1, 1976---- | 13.3             | 2.9   | 1.3  | 4.2 | 21.7  | 4.6                         |
| July 1, 1976---- | 11.3             | 2.0   | 1.4  | 5.1 | 19.8  | 5.0                         |
| Oct. 1, 1976---- | 6.7              | 1.2   | 1.8  | 3.9 | 13.6  | 4.4                         |
| Jan. 1, 1977---- | 7.0              | .6    | 2.6  | 4.0 | 14.1  | 4.8                         |
| Apr. 1, 1977---- | 13.4             | 1.0   | 2.3  | 5.6 | 22.3  | 2.2                         |
| July 1, 1977---- | 13.1             | 1.8   | 3.6  | 3.6 | 22.1  | 2.6                         |
| Oct. 1, 1977---- | 15.0             | 0.6   | 5.0  | 2.9 | 23.5  | 4.1                         |
| Jan. 1, 1978---- | 12.4             | 1.1   | 4.6  | 6.7 | 24.8  | 4.5                         |
| Apr. 1, 1978---- | 19.7             | 1.2   | 2.7  | 4.8 | 28.4  | 2.3                         |
| July 1, 1978---- | 15.8             | .8    | 2.2  | 3.2 | 22.0  | 2.3                         |
| Oct. 1, 1978---- | 13.5             | 1.1   | 2.8  | 4.5 | 21.9  | 2.1                         |
| Jan. 1, 1979---- | 11.0             | .7    | 3.7  | 4.6 | 20.0  | 2.2                         |
| Apr. 1, 1979---- | 10.4             | 1.2   | 3.6  | 5.2 | 20.4  | 4.4                         |
| July 1, 1979---- | 10.4             | .9    | 3.2  | 4.7 | 19.2  | 5.1                         |
| Oct. 1, 1979---- | 8.6              | .8    | 3.3  | 4.5 | 17.2  | 5.1                         |
| Jan. 1, 1980---- | 4.6              | .6    | 4.5  | 3.8 | 13.5  | 4.9                         |

Source: Compiled from responses to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to totals shown.



Table 12.--Stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. importers' inventories, by quarters, Jan. 1, 1975-Jan. 1, 1980

(In thousands of tons)

| Date             | Stainless steel  |       |      |     |       | Alloy tool steel, all forms |
|------------------|------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|-----------------------------|
|                  | Sheets and strip | Plate | Bar  | Rod | Total |                             |
| Jan. 1, 1975---- | 4.9              | 1.0   | 11.0 | 0.6 | 17.5  | 10.6                        |
| Apr. 1, 1975---- | 6.5              | 1.2   | 14.8 | 2.2 | 24.7  | 11.5                        |
| July 1, 1975---- | 6.9              | 1.8   | 11.5 | 3.1 | 23.4  | 12.6                        |
| Oct. 1, 1975---- | 7.1              | 2.1   | 16.9 | 3.4 | 29.6  | 12.7                        |
| Jan. 1, 1976---- | 6.1              | 1.9   | 21.5 | 2.3 | 31.9  | 13.1                        |
| Apr. 1, 1976---- | 5.3              | 1.7   | 20.4 | 1.7 | 29.2  | 13.4                        |
| July 1, 1976---- | 5.2              | 1.4   | 18.9 | 1.3 | 26.7  | 13.7                        |
| Oct. 1, 1976---- | 4.0              | 2.2   | 16.6 | 1.1 | 23.9  | 12.8                        |
| Jan. 1, 1977---- | 5.1              | 2.3   | 16.4 | 1.1 | 24.9  | 12.6                        |
| Apr. 1, 1977---- | 6.3              | 0.3   | 10.8 | 3.5 | 20.9  | 8.5                         |
| July 1, 1977---- | 6.9              | 0.2   | 11.1 | 5.8 | 24.0  | 8.7                         |
| Oct. 1, 1977---- | 4.1              | 0.8   | 19.3 | 2.8 | 27.0  | 8.5                         |
| Jan. 1, 1978---- | 4.6              | 0.8   | 14.7 | 3.8 | 23.9  | 8.0                         |
| Apr. 1, 1978---- | 11.9             | 1.2   | 8.5  | 4.4 | 26.0  | 7.5                         |
| July 1, 1978---- | 11.1             | 1.5   | 7.6  | 4.2 | 24.4  | 7.3                         |
| Oct. 1, 1978---- | 11.5             | 1.5   | 8.6  | 5.0 | 26.6  | 6.5                         |
| Jan. 1, 1979---- | 12.3             | 1.5   | 9.0  | 1.8 | 24.7  | 7.8                         |
| Apr. 1, 1979---- | 5.8              | 1.1   | 9.0  | 0.9 | 16.8  | 8.7                         |
| July 1, 1979---- | 5.4              | 1.0   | 8.6  | 2.5 | 17.5  | 9.0                         |
| Oct. 1, 1979---- | 4.4              | 1.0   | 8.3  | 2.1 | 15.8  | 9.3                         |
| Jan. 1, 1980---- | 2.6              | 1.2   | 8.4  | 2.5 | 14.7  | 7.7                         |

Source: Compiled from responses to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to totals shown.

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