

International Stainless Steel Forum

Media Release

Brussels 19 March 2019 – The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) has released figures for the full year 2018 showing that stainless steel melt shop production increased by 5.5% year-on-year to 50.7 million metric tons.

Stainless steel melt shop steel production [000 metric tons]

Region	Quarter				Total	+/- %
	1/2018	2/2018	3/2018	4/2018	2018	y-o-y
Europe	2,014	1,921	1,702	1,748	7,385	0.1%
USA	718	725	741	624	2,808	2.0%
China	6,533r	6,823r	7,189r	6,161	26,706	3.6%
Asia w/o China and S. Korea	2,079	2,090	2,043	1,983	8,195	2.1%
Others	1,439	1,429	1,456	1,311	5,635	35.9%
Total	12,783	12,987	13,132	11,827	50,729	5.5%

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	1/2017	2/2017	3/2017	4/2017	2017	
Europe	1,980	1,902	1,665	1,830	7,377	
USA	721	699	680	654	2,754	
China	6,125	5,920	7,076	6,652	25,774	
Asia w/o China and S. Korea	1,992	1,958	1,975	2,105	8,030	
Others	845	857	1,140	1,304	4,146	
Total	11,664	11,335	12,536	12,545	48,081	

Others: Brazil, Russia, S. Africa, S. Korea, Indonesia

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Source: International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF)

Note to the editors:

The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) is a non-profit research organization based in Brussels which represents the interests of the international stainless steel industry towards the general public, consumers, the media and regulatory authorities. The Forum was founded in 1996.