

International Stainless Steel Forum

Media Release

Brussels 12 October 2018 – The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) has released figures for the first half year of 2018 showing that stainless steel melt shop production increased by 13.3% year-on-year to 26.1 million metric tons.

Stainless steel melt shop steel production [000 metric tons]

Region	Quarter		1. Half Year		+/- %
	1/2018	2/2018	2017	2018	y-o-y
Europe	2,014	1,921	3,882	3,935	1.4%
USA	718	725	1,420	1,443	1.6%
China	6,524	7,116	12,046	13,640	13.2%
Asia w/o China and S. Korea	2,079r	2,098	3,950	4,177	5.8%
Others	1,439	1,427	1,702	2,865	68.3%
Total	12,774r	13,286	23,000	26,060	13.3%

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

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.