

International Stainless Steel Forum

Media Release

STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTION TURNS OUT AT 10.4 MILLION METRIC TONS IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 2015

Brussels 18 August 2015 – The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) has released figures for the first three months of 2015 showing that at 10.4 million metric tons (mmt) stainless steel melt shop production was at the same level year-on-year. Production increased in the Americas and in Asia without China.

Stainless and heat-resisting steel melt shop production [000 metric tons]

Region	Quarter			+/- %	+/- %
	1/2014	4/2014	1/2015	q-o-q	y-o-y
Western Europe/Africa Central/Eastern Europe	2,164	1,608	2,007	24.8%	-7.3%
The Americas	71	64	64	0.8%	-9.6%
Asia (w/o China)	670	716	768	7.2%	14.7%
China	2,371	2,202	2,513	14.2%	6.0%
	5,084	5,670	5,014	-11.6%	-1.4%
Total	10,359	10,259	10,366	1.0%	0.1%

Source: International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF)

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Notes to the editors:

The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) is a non-profit research organization, which serves as the world forum on all aspects of the international stainless steel industry.

Founded in 1996, ISSF is based in Brussels, Belgium