

# International Stainless Steel Forum

## Media Release

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### STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTION TURNS OUT AT 21.1 MILLION METRIC TONS IN THE FIRST HALF YEAR OF 2015

*Brussels 20 October 2015* – The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) has released figures for the first half year of 2015 showing that at 21.1 million metric tons stainless steel melt shop production decreased 0.7% year-on-year. Production increased in the Americas and in China.

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

Region	Quarter		+/- %	1. Half Year		+/- %
	1/2015	2/2015	q-o-q	2014	2015	y-o-y
Western Europe/Africa	2,007	2,058	2.5%	4,280	4,065	-5.0%
Central/Eastern Europe	64	69	6.7%	143	133	-7.0%
The Americas	768	685	-10.8%	1,386	1,453	4.8%
Asia (w/o China)	2,366r	2,318	-2.0%	4,757	4,684	-1.5%
China	5,014	5,745	14.6%	10,687	10,759	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,219r</b>	<b>10,875</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>21,253</b>	<b>21,094</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>

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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 a non-profit association, based in Brussels, representing the interests of stainless steel producers worldwide.