

International Stainless Steel Forum

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STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTION REACHED 22.1 MILLION METRIC TONS IN THE FIRST HALF YEAR OF 2016

Brussels 07 October 2016 – The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) has released figures for the first half year of 2016 showing that stainless steel melt shop production increased by 4.1% year-on-year to 22.1 million metric tons. Production increased in Asia without China and in China.

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

Region	Quarter		+/- %	1. Half Year		+/- %
	1/2016	2/2016	q-o-q	2015	2016	y-o-y
Western Europe/Africa	1,955	2,052	5.0%	4,065	4,007	-1.4%
Central/Eastern Europe	65	61	-5.4%	133	126	-5.2%
The Americas	642	722	12.4%	1,453	1,363	-6.2%
Asia (w/o China)	2,395	2,447	2.2%	4,684	4,842	3.4%
China	5,203	6,526	25.4%	10,867	11,729	7.9%
Total	10,260	11,807	15.1%	21,202	22,067	4.1%

Source: International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF)

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Notes to the editors:

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