

International Stainless Steel Forum

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STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTION REACHED 31.3 MILLION METRIC TONS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2015

Brussels 21 December 2015 – The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) has released figures for the first nine months of 2015 totaling 31.3 million metric tons stainless steel melt shop production, a decrease of 0.5% year-on-year. Production increased in the Americas and in China.

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

Region	Quarter			+/- %	9 Months		+/- %
	1/2015	2/2015	3/2015	q-o-q	2014	2015	y-o-y
Western Europe/Africa	2,007	2,058	1,669	-18.9%	5,963	5,734	-3.8%
Central/Eastern Europe	64	69	65	-5.3%	213	198	-7.1%
The Americas	768	685	693	1.1%	2,097	2,146	2.3%
Asia (w/o China)	2,366r	2,318	2,385	2.9%	7,132	7,069	-0.9%
China	5,014	5,745	5,371	-6.5%	16,022	16,130	0.7%
Total	10,219r	10,875	10,183	-6.4%	31,426	31,277	-0.5%

r: revised

Source: International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF)

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Notes to the editors:

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