

International Stainless Steel Forum

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STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTION FOR 2015 WAS 41.5 MILLION METRIC TONS

Brussels 14 April 2016 – The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) has released figures for the full year 2015 showing that stainless steel melt shop production decreased by 0.3% year-on-year to 41.5 million metric tons.

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

Region	Quarter				Year 2015	+/- % y-o-y
	1/2015	2/2015	3/2015	4/2015		
Western Europe/Africa	2,007	2,058	1,673r	1,780	7,518	-0.7%
Central/Eastern Europe	64	69	65	61	259	-6.3%
The Americas	768	685	693	601	2,747	-2.3%
Asia (w/o China)	2,366r	2,318r	2,392r	2,385	9,461	1.4%
China	5,015	5,852r	5,371	5,324	21,562	-0.6%
Total	10,220r	10,982r	10,195r	10,152	41,548	-0.3%

Region	Quarter				Year 2014	+/- % y-o-y
	1/2014	2/2014	3/2014	4/2014		
Western Europe/Africa	2,164	2,116	1,682	1,608	7,570	1.0%
Central/Eastern Europe	71	72	70	64	277	-6.3%
The Americas	670	717	711	716	2,813	14.6%
Asia (w/o China)	2,371	2,387	2,374	2,202	9,333	0.6%
China	5,084	5,603	5,336	5,670	21,692	14.3%
Total	10,359	10,894	10,173	10,259	41,686	8.3%

Region	Quarter				Year 2013
	1/2013	2/2013	3/2013	4/2013	
Western Europe/Africa	2,157	1,951	1,576	1,813	7,496
Central/Eastern Europe	67	84	64	80	296
The Americas	598	596	629	630	2,454
Asia (w/o China)	2,298	2,253	2,284	2,441	9,276
China	4,575	4,584	5,016	4,809	18,984
Total	9,696	9,468	9,569	9,773	38,506

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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.

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