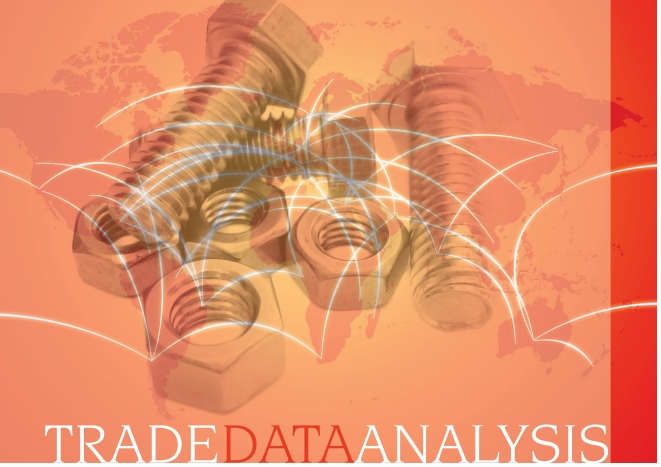


U.S. FASTENER Export/Import UPDATE

by Zepol Corporation

The joke going around the trade community is that "flat" was the new "up" in 2009. As the year came to a close for the fastener industry, some interesting events happened, including the antidumping and countervailing case against China and Taiwan.

The data for the affected fastener imports showed a significant bump in November, likely due to the uncertainty of future tariffs for the two largest manufacturing bases of steel fasteners. However, as a whole, imports improved for December over November. They were still down nearly 50 percent from December 2008.

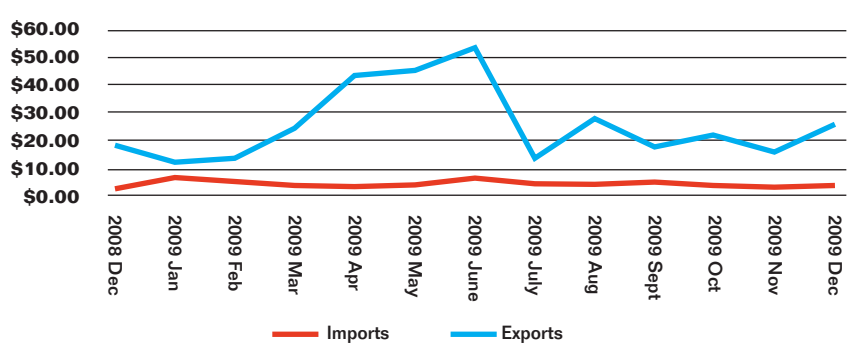
This edition's pricing trend is for Wood Screws, Threaded (HTS - 7318.12.0000) and shows that export pricing is up slightly going into the end of the year, while import prices have remained stable for most of 2009.

Finally, the companies shown in U.S. Customs' AMS Data are importing higher volumes to start 2010 than they had in mid-2009. While this data is just a snapshot of some of the industry players, it could point to a positive trend going forward.

DECEMBER 2009 EXPORTS AND IMPORTS: IRON OR STEEL FASTENERS

Product		Export Value	Change from December 2008	Import Value	Change from December 2008
731811	Coach Screws, Threaded	$903,200	3.19%	$1,317,708	–13.74%
731812	Wood Screws, Threaded (other than coach screws)	$327,319	–8.99%	$1,410,934	8.57%
731813	Screw Hooks and Screw Rings, Threaded	$1,765,866	–50.90%	$817,823	–10.93%
731814	Self-tapping Screws, Threaded	$3,069,402	0.80%	$33,130,495	–23.35%
731815	Screws and Bolts, Threaded, NESOI (with or without nuts or washers)	$78,702,550	7.22%	$104,940,815	–27.64%
731816	Nuts, Threaded	$33,080,955	10.77%	$43,429,539	–32.29%
731819	Articles, Threaded, NESOI	$9,116,771	–1.37%	$3,439,436	–35.35%
731821	Spring Washers and other Lock Washers	$1,941,917	4.86%	$2,077,539	–16.42%
731822	Washers (other than lock washers)	$9,628,973	10.20%	$11,930,894	–17.30%
731823	Rivets	$5,458,654	–0.52%	$3,278,155	–12.63%
731824	Cotters and Cotter Pins	$4,284,421	–19.37%	$3,024,001	–20.02%
731829	Articles, Nonthreaded, NESOI (fasteners)	$21,221,703	0.21%	$15,024,369	–17.60%
	Total	**$169,501,731**	**4.02%**	**$223,821,708**	**–26.10%**

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS $/KG FOR WOOD SCREWS (HTS 731.18.10000)



FASTENER INDUSTRY (HTS CODE 7318) TOP 5 COUNTRIES							
EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
Country	Value	Change (Nov 2009)	Change (Dec 2008)	Country	Value	Change (Nov 2009)	Change (Dec 2008)
Canada	$57,647,173	–6.31%	6.1%	Taiwan	$68,836,705	14.5%	–38.0%
Mexico	$43,974,171	–10.41%	20.6%	China	$45,981,485	17.0%	–46.4%
United Kingdom	$6,972,948	–1.76%	–30.6%	Japan	$41,657,643	4.4%	4.3%
China	$5,694,098	–4.40%	15.2%	Canada	$14,903,930	4.0%	–37.6%
France	$4,793,261	–9.93%	4.6%	Germany	$11,661,668	11.9%	19.9%

TOP 5 COMPANIES LISTED IN AMS DATA

Product Description with Screw, Fastener or Bolt

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Consignee	Shipments	Metric Tons
Porteous Fastener	147	4,669
Anixter, Inc.	116	756
The Hillman Group	65	1,988
John Wagner Associates	51	1,045
American Bolt and Screw	38	263

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