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# Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS)

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Report on import registrations till  
October 2020

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## Background

- Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) requires importers to submit advance information in an online portal for import of steel items under specific iron & steel items appearing in Chapter 72, 73 and 86 of ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule – I.
- The data in this report is as per the information entered in the "Steel Import Monitoring System" Portal and may not be exactly the same as actual imports.
- The classification of imports on the basis of product, end use industries, "Others", QCOs as mentioned in various sections of this report is based on the product descriptions entered by the importers and may not be completely accurate as compared to actual imports.
- Since SIMS involves registrations for future imports, the monthly figures mentioned in the report indicate registrations made in the particular month, not the imports which have happened in that month. Eg: An import registered on SIMS in November 2019 might actually be imported in December 2019.
- Figures in \$M refer to imports in \$ Million.
- Since SIMS was launched in September 2019 and was made mandatory for imports after November 2019, this report includes data of registrations since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019.

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# 1

## Import Summary

### Month on month registrations (\$M)

**Total imports**  
**\$2,760M**



#### Key points

- Imports in Oct'20- 1046M
- Average monthly imports- 920M
- Imports in Oct'20 (1046M) is 17% higher than Sep'20 (892M)

### Major import groups by product category, country (\$M)

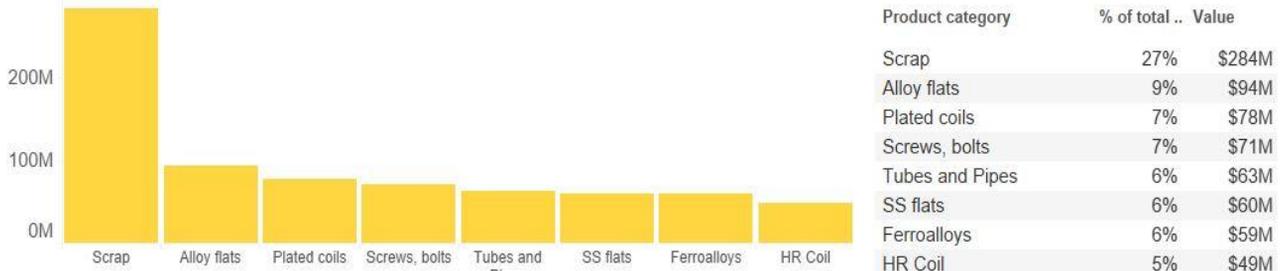
SNo.	Product category	Country	Value % share
1	Alloy flats	KOREA, REPUBLI..	5%
2	Scrap	UNITED ARAB EM..	4%
3	HR Coil	KOREA, REPUBLI..	4%
4	Plated coils	KOREA, REPUBLI..	3%
5	Tubes and Pipes	CHINA	3%
6	Scrap	UNITED KINGDOM	3%
7	Scrap	UNITED STATES	3%
8	Stranded wire, rop..	CHINA	2%
9	Structres and part..	CHINA	2%

- Top 10 groups contribute to 26% of imports
- Highest increase seen in Oct'20
  - Alloy flats – South Korea from 19M to 54M
  - Scrap – United Kingdom from 14M to 29M
  - Structures and parts of structure – China from 4M to 19M
- Highest decrease seen in July'20
  - Rail maintenance – Germany from 27M to 1M
  - Alloy flats – Taiwan from 15M to 1M
  - Ferroalloys – Malaysia from 17M to 4M

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## Category wise imports

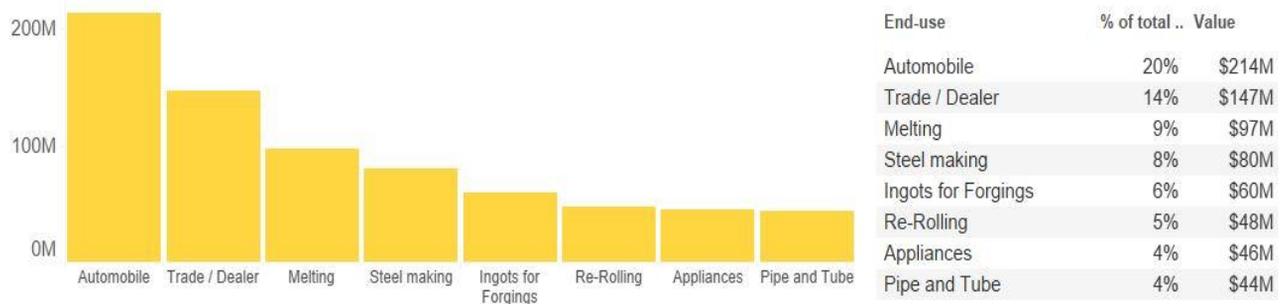
### Product category wise imports (\$M)



### Key points

- Top 4 categories contribute to 50% of imports
- Product categories with highest increase in Oct'20
  - Screw, bolts - 43M to 71M | Structures and parts of structures - 8M to 35M | Alloy flats - 69M to 94M
- Product categories with highest increase in past 3 months
  - Scrap -198M to 284M | Ferroalloys - 31M to 59M | Alloy flats - 69M to 94M
- Product categories with highest decrease in past 3 months
  - HR Coil - 74M to 49M | Rail maintenance - 16M to 3M | CR Coil - 23M to 13M

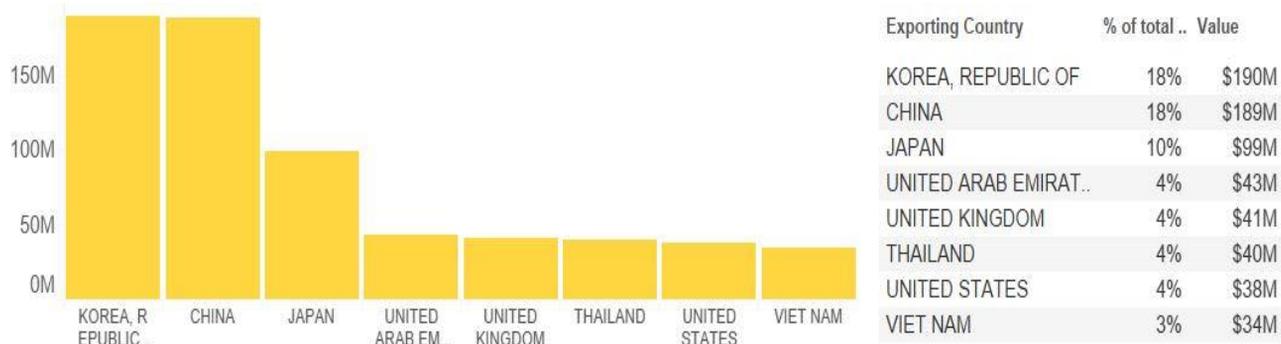
### End-use industry wise imports (\$M)



### Key points

- Top 6 End use industries contribute to 50% of imports
- End use industries with highest increase in Oct'20
  - Automobile - 116M to 214M | Infrastructure Projects - 5M to 37M | Appliances - 14M to 46M
- End use industries with highest increase in past 3 months
  - Trade / Dealer - 109M to 147M | Appliances - 13M to 46M | Steel Making - 50M to 80M
- End use industries with highest decrease in past 3 months
  - Pipe and Tube - 80M to 44M | Coating / Galvanizing - 11M to 1M | APL / Oil and Gas - 29M to 22M

## Imports by exporting country (\$M)



### Key points

- Top 9 countries contribute to ~50% of imports
- Exporting countries with highest increase in Oct'20
  - South Korea from 108M to 190M
  - Japan from 52M to 99M
  - China from 142M to 188M
- Exporting countries with highest increase in past 3 months
  - China from 138M to 189M
  - South Korea from 158M to 190M
  - Japan from 68M to 99M
- Exporting countries with highest decrease in past 3 months
  - Germany from 78M to 33M
  - Mexico from 17M to 3M
  - Norway from 10M to 2M

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## Imports despite domestic availability

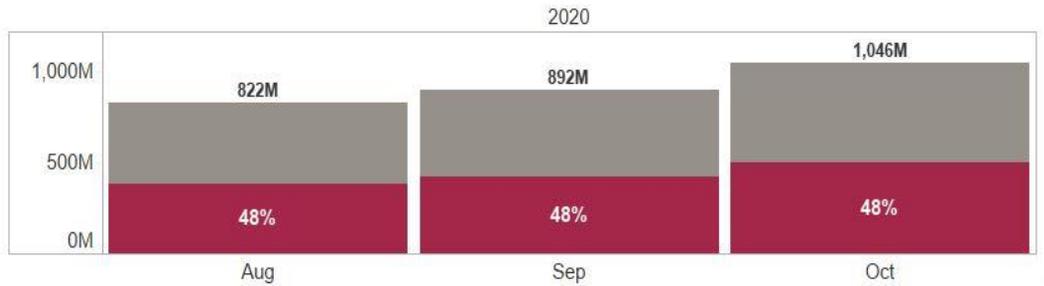
### Imports despite domestic availability – Month wise registrations (\$M)

% imports which are available in India

**48%**

India available ■ No ■ Yes

M-o-M trend

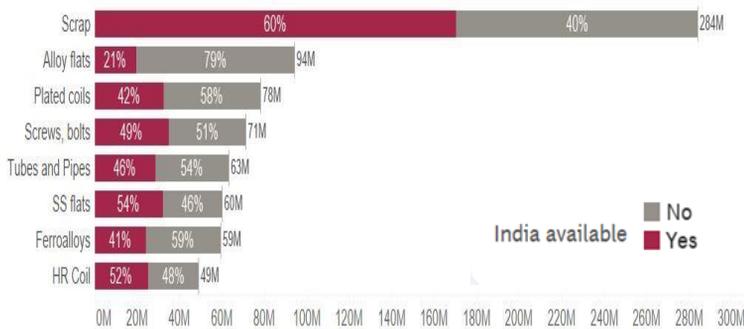


#### Key points

- Imports of 506M in Oct'20 were domestically available vs monthly average of 441M
- Share of domestically available imports in Oct'20 (506M) is 19% higher than Sep'20 (425M)
- Highest value of imports which are available in India (ex-Scrap) in Oct'20
  - 51M of Screws, bolts – Automobile
  - 48M of Stranded wire, ropes – Automobile
  - 42M of CR Coil – Automobile

### Product category wise

#### Product category wise imports (\$M)



#### Highest imports available in India

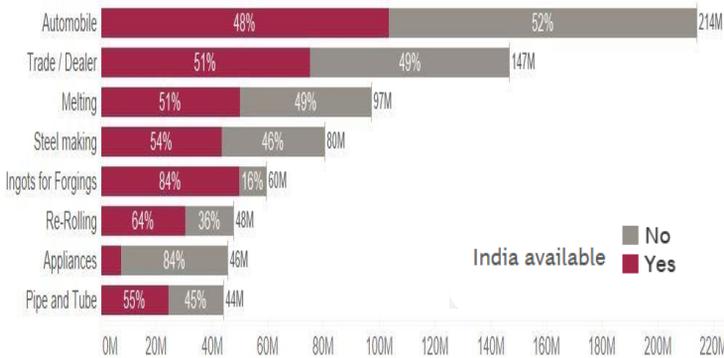
Product category	% of total ..	Value
Scrap	34%	\$170M
Screws, bolts	7%	\$35M
Plated coils	6%	\$33M
SS flats	6%	\$32M
Tubes and Pipes	6%	\$29M
Stranded wire, ropes	5%	\$26M
HR Coil	5%	\$25M
Ferroalloys	5%	\$24M

#### Key points

- Product categories with >80% imports available in India in Oct'20(ex-Scrap)
  - Rail coaches, SS Ingots, CR coil, Stranded wire, Alloy Steel Semis
- Product categories with highest increase in imports available in India in Oct'20(ex-Scrap)
  - Screws – 21M to 35M | Stranded wire – 12M to 26M | Structures – 5M to 17M

## End-use wise

### End use industry wise imports (\$M)



### Highest imports available in India

End-use	% of total ..	Value
Automobile	20%	\$103M
Trade / Dealer	15%	\$75M
Melting	10%	\$50M
Ingots for Forgings	10%	\$50M
Steel making	9%	\$43M
Re-Rolling	6%	\$30M
Pipe and Tube	5%	\$24M
Infrastructure Projects	4%	\$19M

### Key points

- End-use industries with > 50% imports available in India in Oct'20(ex-Scrap)
  - Bright Bar, CAQ / ACSR, Cr-Mo, Case hardening, Re-Rolling, Solar Panels, Pipe & tube, Can, LPG, Generic-Commercial use.
- End-use industries with highest increase in imports available in India in Oct'20(ex-Scrap)
  - Automobile - 65M to 102M | Infrastructure project - 2M to 19M | Trade / Dealer - 46M to 53M

## Import reasons for products available in India

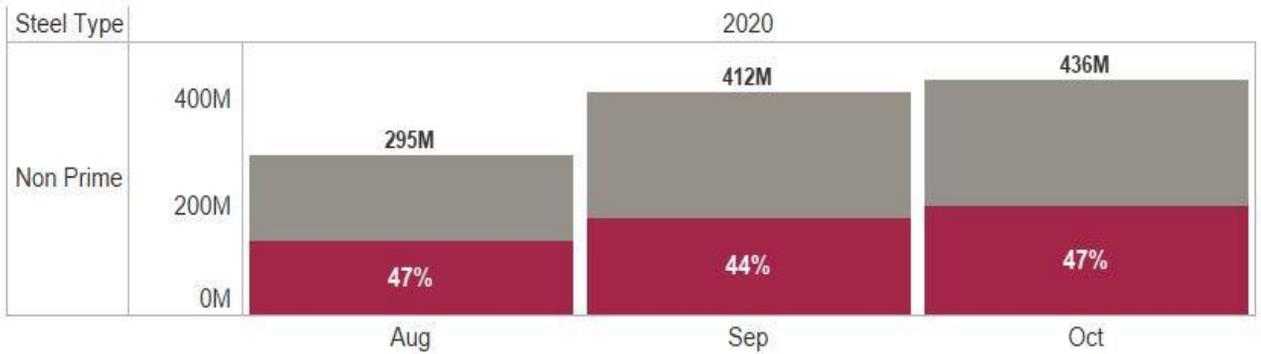
% indicated the share out of all imports



### Key points

- Share of imports (ex-Scrap) due to Price has increased by 60% from Sep'20 to Oct'20
- Major end uses which import due to Price in Oct'20 (ex-Scrap) – Automobile, Pipe and Tube, Trader/ Dealer
- Major end uses which import due to Quality in Oct'20 (ex-Scrap) – Automobile, Re-Rolling, Trader/ Dealer

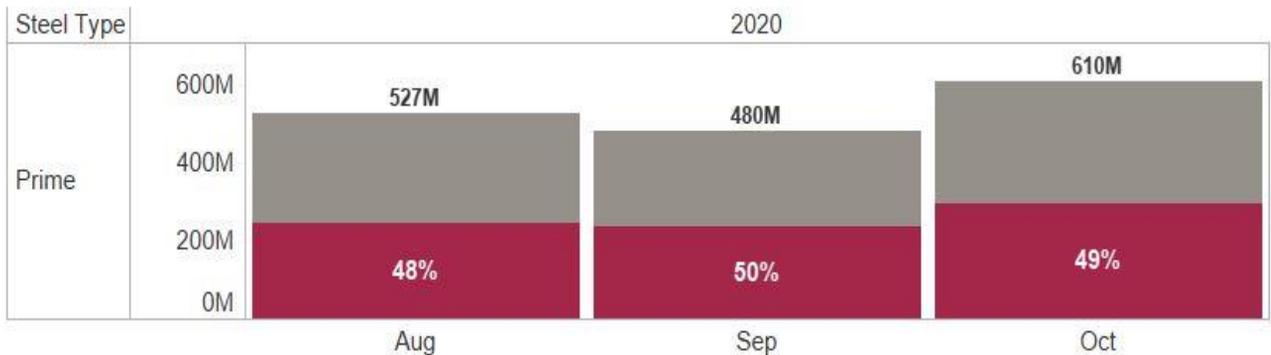
## Import despite domestically available – Non Prime Steel(\$M)



### Key points

- Imports in Non Prime Steel of 206M in Oct'20 were domestically available vs monthly average of 176M
- Share of domestically available Non Prime Steel imports in Oct'20 (206M) is 12% higher than Sep'20 (183M)
- Highest value of Non Prime Steel imports which are available in India (ex-Scrap) in Oct'20
  - 11M of Tubes and Pipes – Trade / Dealer
  - 6M of Ferroalloys – Foundry

## Import despite domestically available – Prime Steel(\$M)



### Key points

- Imports in Prime Steel of 301M in Oct'20 were domestically available vs monthly average of 265M
- Share of domestically available Prime Steel imports in Oct'20 (301M) is 24% higher than Sep'20 (242M)
- Highest value of Prime steel imports which are available in India (ex-Scrap) in Oct'20
  - 48M of Screws, bolts – Automobile
  - 48M of Stranded wire, Ropes – Automobile

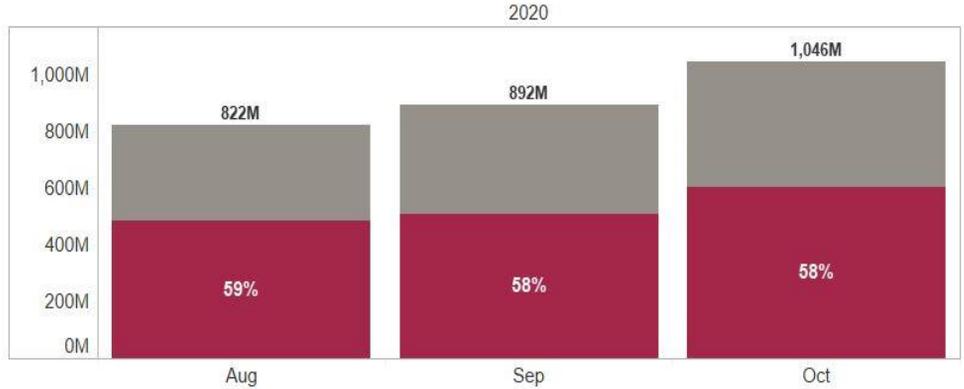
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## "Others" HS Codes

### Month-wise registrations (\$M)

% of imports in "Others" HS Codes

58%

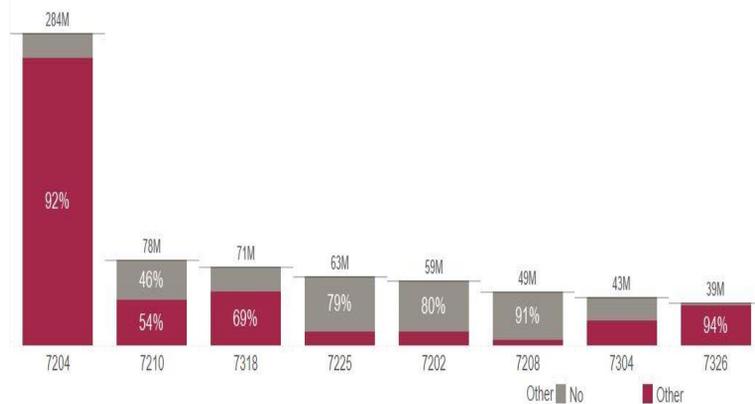


#### Key points

- Imports of 606M in Oct'20 were under "Others" HS codes vs monthly average of 537M
- Value of imports under "Others" in Oct'20 were 18% higher than Sep'20

### 4 digit HS Code wise

4 digit HS Code wise imports (\$M)



Highest imports under "Others"

HS Code 4 Digit	% of total ..	Value
7204	43%	\$262M
7318	8%	\$49M
7210	7%	\$42M
7326	6%	\$37M
7226	4%	\$27M
7304	4%	\$23M
7308	3%	\$21M
7219	3%	\$16M

#### Key points

- Four digit code with increasing share of "Others" for the past 3 months
  - 7204 - 193M to 262M | 7226 - 1M to 27M | 7308 - 9M to 21M
- Four digit code with highest increase of "Others" in Oct'20
  - 7318 - 32M to 49M | 7308 - 6M to 21M | 7307 - 2M to 9M

## Product category wise

### Product category wise imports (\$M)



### Highest imports under "Others"

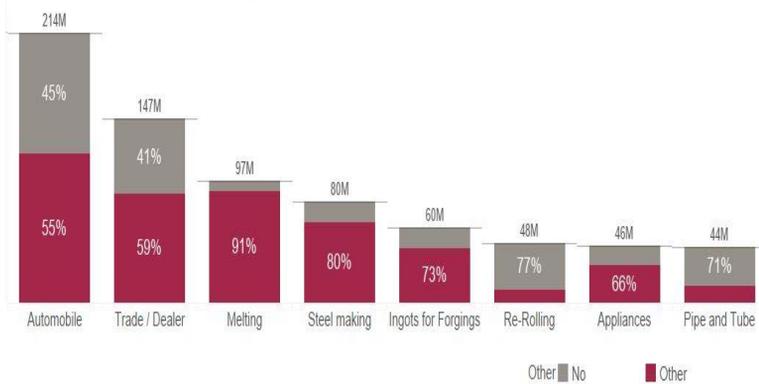
Product category	% of total	Value
Scrap	43%	\$262M
Screws, bolts	8%	\$49M
Plated coils	7%	\$42M
Alloy flats	7%	\$40M
Tubes and Pipes	5%	\$33M
Structres and parts of st..	3%	\$21M
SS flats	3%	\$16M
Alloy longs	3%	\$16M

### Key points

- Product categories with increasing share of "Others" for the past 3 months
  - Scrap - 193M to 262M | Alloy flats - 5M to 40M | Structures - 9M to 21M
- Product categories with highest increase in share of "Others" in Oct'20
  - Alloy - 12M to 40M | Screws, bolts - 32M to 49M | Structures - 6M to 21M

## End-use industry wise

### End use industry wise imports (\$M)



### Highest imports under "Others"

End-use	% of total	Value
Automobile	20%	\$119M
Melting	15%	\$89M
Trade / Dealer	14%	\$86M
Steel making	11%	\$64M
Ingots for Forgings	7%	\$44M
Appliances	5%	\$30M
Infrastructure Projects	4%	\$22M
Gen Engg / Capital Goo..	2%	\$13M

### Key points

- End-use industries with increasing share of "Others" for the past 3 months
  - Appliances - 3M to 30M | Melting - 62M to 89M | Trade / Dealer - 66M to 86M
- End-use industries with highest increase in share of "Others" in Oct'20
  - Automobile - 72M to 119M | Appliances - 4M to 30M | Infrastructure projects - 3M to 22M

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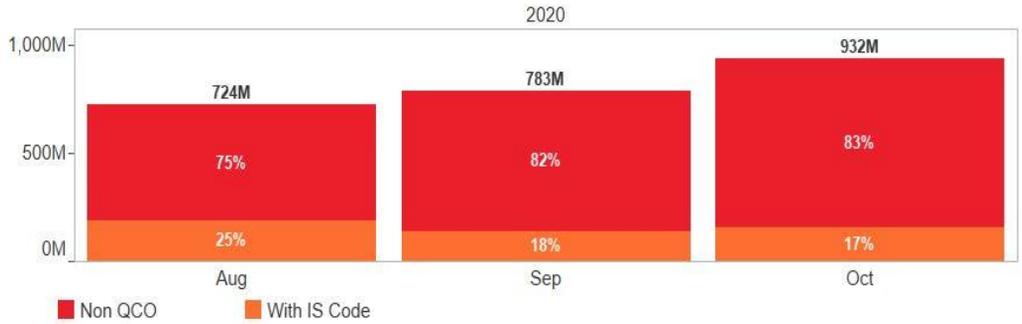
## Imports under QCO

### Month-wise registrations (\$M)

QCO imports – Imports under HS codes which have active QCOs

**80%**  
Non QCO imports

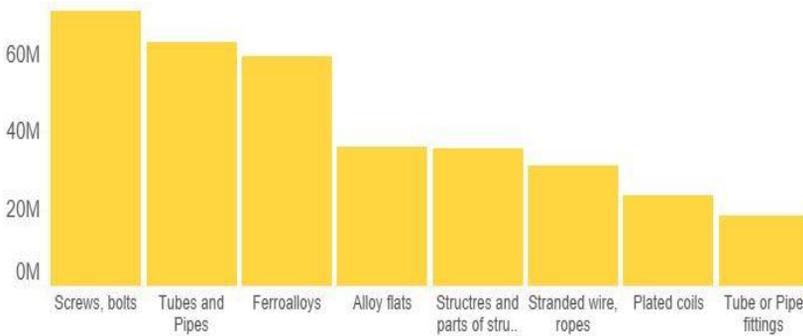
**20%**  
QCO imports with IS Code



#### Key points

- Imports of 270 in Oct'20 are under QCO vs monthly average of 266M
- 26% of imports in Oct'20 are under QCO vs monthly average of 29%

### Non QCO imports – Product wise (\$M)

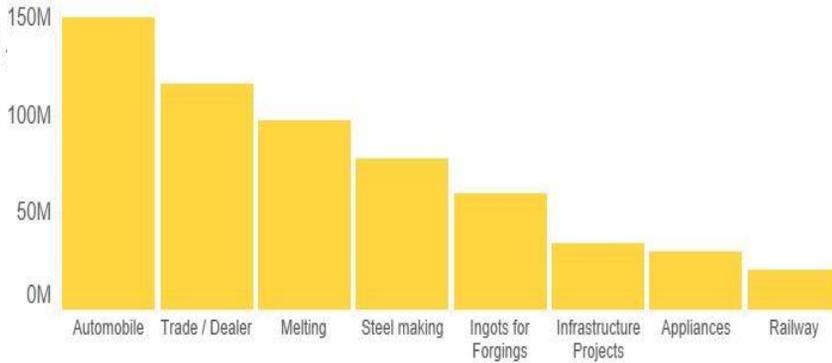


Product category	% of total ..	Value
Screws, bolts	14%	\$71M
Tubes and Pipes	13%	\$63M
Ferroalloys	12%	\$59M
Alloy flats	7%	\$36M
Structres and parts of st..	7%	\$35M
Stranded wire, ropes	6%	\$31M
Plated coils	5%	\$23M
Tube or Pipe fittings	4%	\$18M

#### Key points

- Product categories with highest Non QCO imports (ex - Scrap) in Oct'20- Screws & Bolts, Tubes & Pipes, Ferroalloys
- Product categories with highest increase of Non QCO imports in Oct'20 (ex- scrap)-
  - Alloy flats from 2M to 36M
  - Screws bolts from 43M to 71M
  - Structures and parts of Structures from 8M to 35M

## Non QCO imports – End use wise (\$M)



End-use	% of total ..	Value
Automobile	19%	\$150M
Trade / Dealer	15%	\$116M
Melting	13%	\$97M
Steel making	10%	\$77M
Ingots for Forgings	8%	\$59M
Infrastructure Projects	4%	\$34M
Appliances	4%	\$30M
Railway	3%	\$21M

### Key points

- End-use industries with highest Non QCO imports without IS Code in Oct'20–Appliance, Pipes and Tubes, Automobile
- End use industries with highest increase of Non QCO imports in Oct'20
  - Automobile from 74M to 150M
  - Infrastructure Project from 5M to 34M
  - Appliances from 4M to 30M

## Non QCO imports - Port wise (\$M)



Port	% of total ..	Value
Nhava Sheva Sea (INNSA1)	24%	\$189M
Chennai Sea (INMAA1)	17%	\$136M
Mundra (INMUN1)	10%	\$76M
Vizac Sea (INVTZ1)	5%	\$41M
Kattupalli (INKAT1)	5%	\$41M
MAHAGAON ICD/THAN..	4%	\$34M
Kolkata Sea (INCCU1)	4%	\$32M
Kandla (INIXY1)	4%	\$28M

### Key points

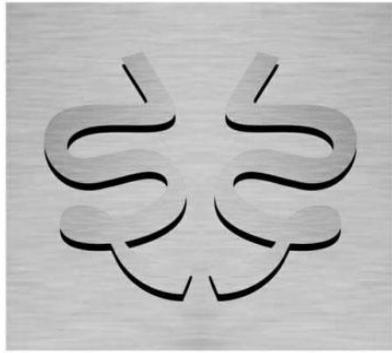
- Ports with highest Non QCO imports in Oct'20 - Nhava Sheva Sea, Mundra, Chennai Sea contribute to 40% of imports
- Ports with highest increase of Non QCO imports in Oct'20
  - Chennai Sea 78M to 136M
  - Pimpri from 0M to 25M
  - Kattupalli from 16M to 41M

## Non-QCO imports – Top HS codes (\$M)

Hs Desc	≡	Value
72042190 - OTHR WST AND SCRP OF STAINLESS STEEL		131M
72044900 - OTHER WASTE AND SCRAP		127M
73181500 - OTHR SCREWS AND BOLTS W/N WTH NUTS OR WASHERS THREADED		35M
72261990 - Other		25M
73269099 - ALL OTHER ARTICLES OF IRON/STEEL NES OTHER STEERING OR RUDDER EQUIPMENT FO..		25M
73089090 - OTHER STRUCTURE AND PARTS OF STRUCTURES OF IRON AND STEEL(EXCL FLOATING ST..		21M
72022100 - FERRO-SILICON CONTNG>55% OF SILICON		15M
73181600 - THREADED NUTS		14M
72042110 - Empty or discharged cartridges of all bores and sizes		13M
72103090 - OTHR FLT ROLD PRDCTS OF IRON/NON ALOY STL ELETRCLY PLTD/COTD WTH ZINC OF A W..		12M
73121090 - OTHERS(E.G.TRANSMISSION BELTING)		11M
73129000 - PLAITED BAND,SLINGS AND LIKE OF IRON OR STEEL NT ELECTRCALLY INSULATED		11M
72029300 - FERRO-NIOBIUM		9M
73089010 - BEAMCHANNELS,PILLARS AND GIRDERS PREPARED FOR IN STRUCTURES		9M
72026000 - FERRO-NICKEL		8M
73072900 - OTHER FITTINGS OF STAINLESS STEEL		8M
73121020 - WIRE ROPES,GALVANISED		8M
86071910 - AXLES,WHEELS ETC.FR RLWAY WAGONS AND CARRGS		7M
72101290 - OTHER PLATES,SHEETS,STRIPS		7M
72259200 - FLT ROLD PRDCTS OF OTHER ALLOY STEEL OTHRWSE PLTD/COTD WTH ZINC		7M
73181900 - OTHER THREADED ARTICLES		6M
72024100 - FERRO-CHROMIUM CARBON CONTNG>4% BY WT		6M
73045930 - TUBS/PIPS ETC OF CRCLR CRSS-SECTN WITH OTR DIAMTR>219.1 MM,NT CLD RLD		6M
72021900 - OTHER FERRO-MANGANESE		6M
72041000 - WASTE AND SCRAP OF CAST IRON		5M
73042910 - CASING, TUBING OF IRON		5M
73064000 - OTHER,WELDED,OF CIRCULAR CROSS-SECTION, OF STAINLESS STEEL TUBES/PIPES		5M
73061100 - WELDED, OF STAINLESS STEEL		5M
73182200 - OTHER WASHERS,NON-THREADED		5M
73044100 - OTHR TUBS,PIPE AND HOLO PROFILE OF CIRCULR CROSS-SECTION OF STAINLES STEEL,C..		4M
73259910 - OTHER CAST ARTICLES OF IRON MALLEABLE		4M
72173010 - WIRE, 18 SWG AND THICKER		4M
73044900 - OTHR TUBE,PIPE AND HOLO PROFILE OF CIRCULR CROSS-SECTION OF OTHER STAINLESS..		4M
72091690 - OTHR FLT RLD PRDCTS IN COILS NT FRTHR WRKD THN COLD RLD OF THCKNS >1MM BUT <..		4M
73066100 - OF SQUARE OR RECTANGULAR CROSS-SECTION:		4M
73049000 - OTHR SEAMLESS TUBES/PIPES AND HOLOW PORFILES		4M
72210090 - BRGHT BARS N.E.S.		4M



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