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# Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS)

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Report on import registrations till  
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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)

#### MoM wise Import

**Total imports**  
**\$3,152M**



#### Key points

- Imports in Mar'20- 1,004M
- Average monthly imports- 1,051M
- Imports in Mar'20 (1,004M) is -8% lower than Feb'20 (1,095M)

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

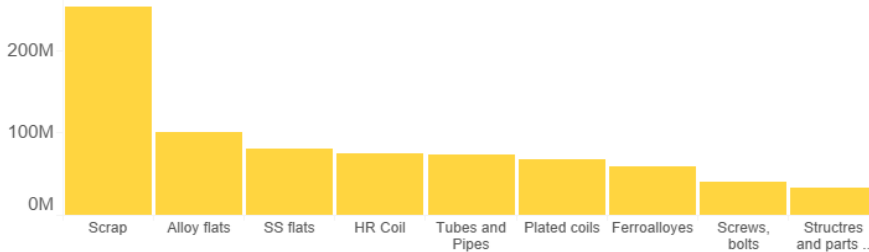
SNo.	Product category	Country	Value % share
1	HR Coil	KOREA, REPUBLI..	6%
2	SS flats	INDONESIA	5%
3	Scrap	UNITED STATES	4%
4	Alloy flats	KOREA, REPUBLI..	4%
5	Alloy flats	CHINA	3%
6	Plated coils	KOREA, REPUBLI..	3%
7	Structres and part..	CHINA	3%
8	Tubes and Pipes	CHINA	2%
9	Scrap	UNITED ARAB EM..	2%

- Top 5 groups contribute to 22% of imports in Mar '20
- Highest increase seen in Mar' 20
  - Alloy Flats - China from 11M to 35M
  - Structure & parts- China from 12M to 26M
  - SS flats - Indonesia from 33M to 47M
- Highest decrease seen in Mar'20
  - Semis- Bhutan from 40M to 1M
  - CR Coil - South Korea from 37M to 11M
  - Plated coils - South Korea from 58M to 31M

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## Category wise imports

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

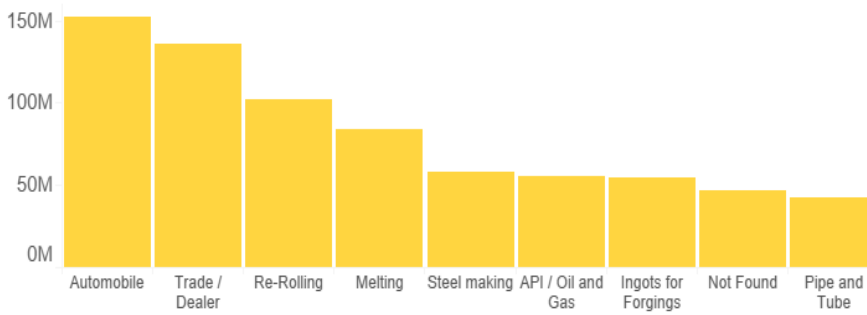


Product category	% of total ..	Value
Scrap	25%	\$253M
Alloy flats	10%	\$101M
SS flats	8%	\$81M
HR Coil	7%	\$75M
Tubes and Pipes	7%	\$73M
Plated coils	7%	\$68M
Ferroalloyes	6%	\$58M
Screws, bolts	4%	\$40M
Structres and parts of st..	3%	\$33M

### Key points

- Top 5 categories contribute to more than 50% of imports
- Product categories with highest increase in Mar'20
  - Scarp - 230M to 253M | SS Flats - 65M to 81M | Springs & Leaves - 5M to 12M
- Product categories with highest increase in past 3 months
  - SS Flats - 55M to 81M | Alloy Flats - 75M to 101M | Scrap - 239M to 253M
- Product categories with highest decrease in past 3 months
  - SS longs - 27M to 6M | Tubes & Pipes - 91M to 73M | Rail Coaches - 27M to 12M

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

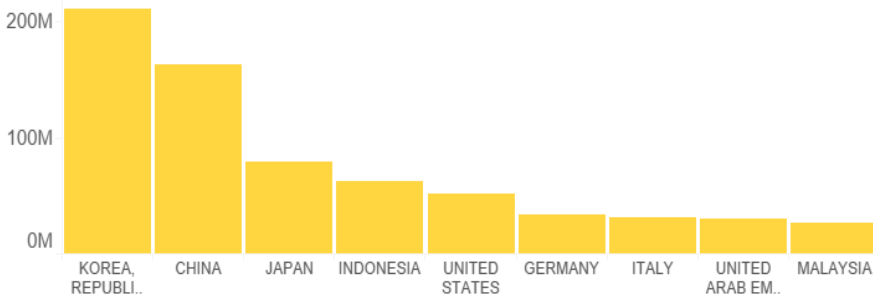


End-use	% of total ..	Value
Automobile	15%	\$152M
Trade / Dealer	14%	\$136M
Re-Rolling	10%	\$102M
Melting	8%	\$84M
Steel making	6%	\$58M
API / Oil and Gas	5%	\$55M
Ingots for Forgings	5%	\$54M
Not Found	5%	\$47M
Pipe and Tube	4%	\$43M

### Key points

- Top 6 End use industries contribute to more than 50% of imports
- End use industries with highest increase in Mar'20
  - Trade / Dealer- 111M to 136M | Ingots for Forgings- 32M to 54M | Pipes & Tubes - 22M to 43M
- End use industries with highest increase in past 3 months
  - Re-Rolling - 55M to 102M | Automobile- 115M to 152M | Solar Panels - 2M to 16M
- End use industries with highest decrease in past 3 months
  - Automobile- 35M to 8M | Appliances - 40M to 17M | Gen Engg./ Capital Goods - 45M to 22M

## Imports by exporting country (\$M)



Exporting Country	% of total ..	Value
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	21%	\$211M
CHINA	16%	\$164M
JAPAN	8%	\$79M
INDONESIA	6%	\$62M
UNITED STATES	5%	\$51M
GERMANY	3%	\$33M
ITALY	3%	\$31M
UNITED ARAB EMIRAT..	3%	\$30M
MALAYSIA	3%	\$26M

### Key points

- Top 3 countries contribute to 45% of imports
- Exporting countries with highest increase in Mar'20
  - CHINA from 112M to 164M
  - ITALY from 19M to 31M
  - UNITED STATES from 41M to 51M
- Exporting countries with highest increase in past 3 months
  - INDONESIA from 25M to 62M
  - S.KOREA from 179M to 211M
  - THAILAND from 14M to 26M
- Exporting countries with highest decrease in past 3 months
  - CHINA from 230M to 164M
  - BRAZIL countries from 30M to 13M
  - MALAYSIA from 37M to 26M

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## Imports despite domestic availability

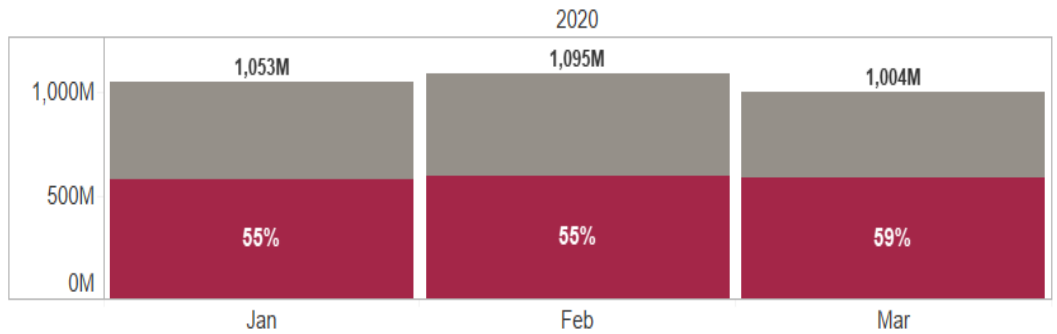
### Imports despite domestic availability – Month wise registrations (\$M)

% imports which are available in India

56%

India available

- No
- Yes

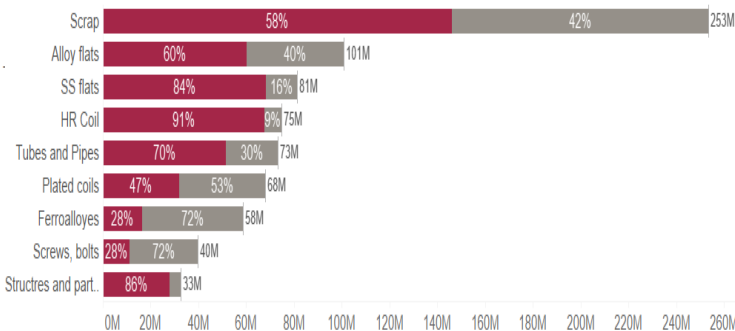


#### Key points

- Imports of 594M in Mar'20 were domestically available vs monthly average 593M (over last 3 months)
- Share of domestically available imports in Mar'20 (594M) is -1% lower than Feb'20 (602M)
- Highest value of imports which are available in India (apart from Scrap) in Mar '20
  - 78M of HR Coil – Re- Rolling
  - 69M of SS flats - Re-Rolling
  - 52M of CR Coil - Automobile

### Product category wise

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



#### Highest imports available in India

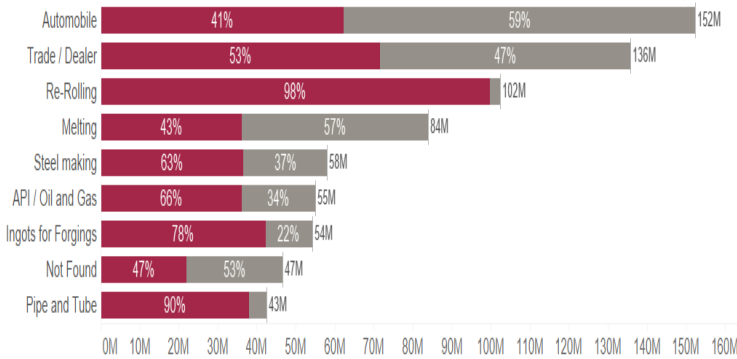
Category	Share of India available	Value
Scrap	25%	\$146M
SS flats	11%	\$68M
HR Coil	11%	\$68M
Alloy flats	10%	\$60M
Tubes and Pipes	9%	\$51M
Plated coils	5%	\$32M
Structres and parts of st..	5%	\$28M

#### Key points

- Product categories with >80% imports available in India in Mar'20
  - Rail coaches, Semis, CR coil, SS ingots, HR coils and Bar & Rods
- Product categories with highest increase in imports available in India in Mar'20
  - Alloy flats - 30M to 60M | SS Flats - 49M to 68M | Tubes & Pipes - 41M to 51M

## End-use wise

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



### Highest imports available in India

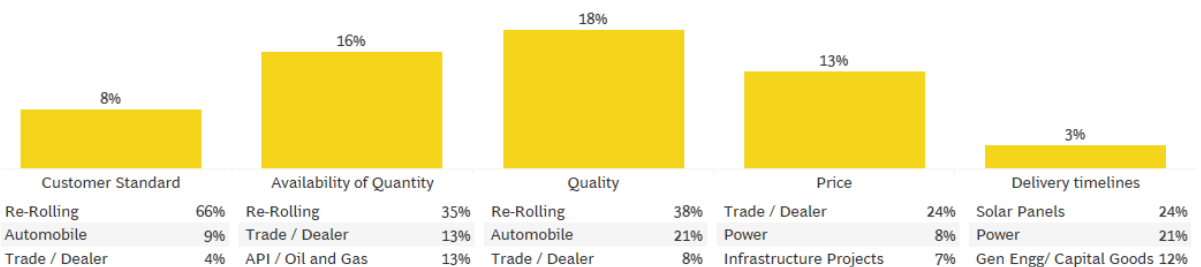
Category	Share of India available	Value
Re-Rolling	17%	\$100M
Trade / Dealer	12%	\$72M
Automobile	10%	\$62M
Ingots for Forgings	7%	\$42M
Pipe and Tube	6%	\$38M
Steel making	6%	\$37M
API / Oil and Gas	6%	\$36M
Melting	6%	\$36M

### Key points

- End-use industries with > 80% imports available in India in Mar'20
  - Case Hardening, Bright Bar, Re-Rolling, Cable, Can, Ingots for Forgings, Solar Panels
- End-use industries with highest increase in imports available in India in Mar'20
  - Re-rolling - 89M to 100M | Trader/ Dealer - 65M to 72M | API/ Oil & Gas- 21M to 36M

## Import reasons for products available in India

% indicated the share out of all imports



### Key points

- Share of imports due to price has decreased by 10% from Feb'20 to Mar'20
- Major end uses which import due to Price in Mar'20 - Trader/ Dealer, Power, Infrastructure Projects
- Major end uses which import due to Quality in Mar'20 - Automobile, Re-Rolling, Trader/ Dealer



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## "Others" HS Codes

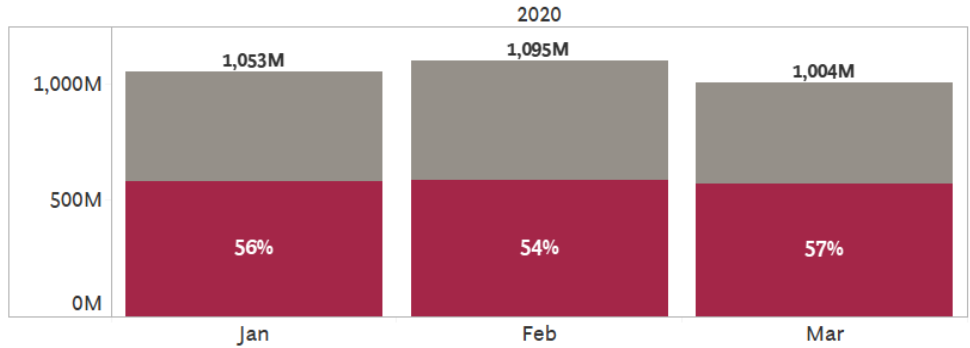
### Month-wise registrations (\$M)

M-o-M trend

% of imports in "Others" HS Codes

56%

■ No ■ Other

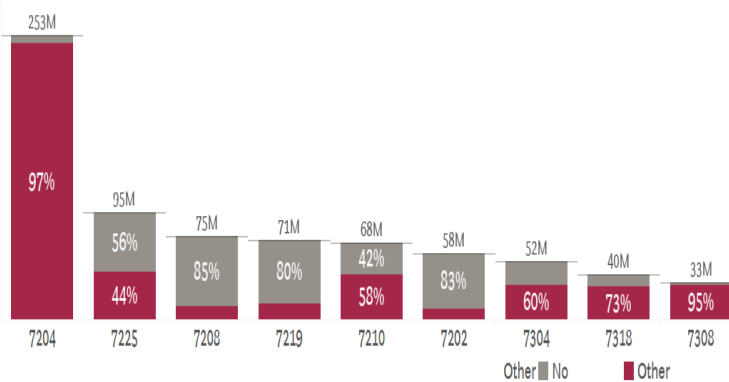


#### Key points

- Imports of 572M in Mar '20 were under "Others" HS codes vs monthly average of 628M
- Value of imports under "Others" in Mar '20 were -3% Lower than Feb'20

### 4 digit HS Code wise

4 digit HS Code wise imports (\$M)



Highest imports under "Others"

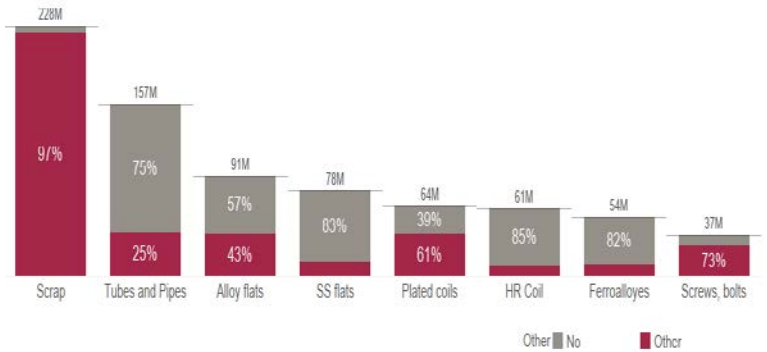
HS Code 4 Digit	% of tota..	Value
7204	43%	\$246M
7225	7%	\$42M
7210	7%	\$40M
7304	5%	\$31M
7308	5%	\$31M
7318	5%	\$29M
7326	5%	\$29M
7228	3%	\$16M
7219	2%	\$14M

#### Key points

- Four digit code with increasing share of "Others" for the past 3 months
  - 7225 - 23M to 42M | 7204 - 233M to 246M | 7210 - 32M to 40M
- Four digit code with highest increase of "Others" in Mar'20
  - 7225 - 19M to 42M | 7326 - 21M to 29M | 7325 - 3M to 6M

## Product category wise

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



### Highest imports under "Others"

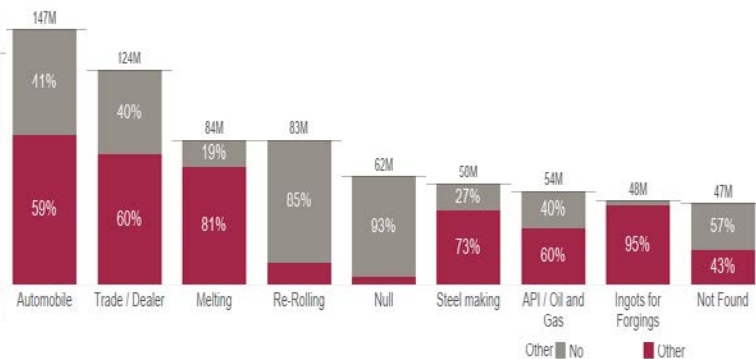
Product category	% of tota..	Value
Scrap	43%	\$246M
Alloy flats	7%	\$43M
Tubes and Pipes	7%	\$41M
Plated coils	7%	\$40M
Structres and parts ..	5%	\$31M
Screws, bolts	5%	\$29M
Alloy longs	3%	\$17M
SS flats	2%	\$14M

### Key points

- Product categories with increasing share of "Others" for the past 3 months
  - Alloy flats - 24M to 43M | Scrap - 233M to 246M | Plated Coils - 32M to 40M
- Product categories with highest increase in share of "Others" in Mar'20
  - Alloy Flats - 20M to 43M | Scrap - 223M to 246M

## End-use industry wise

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



### Highest imports under "Others"

End-use	% of tota..	Value
Automobile	15%	\$88M
Trade / Dealer	14%	\$82M
Melting	13%	\$75M
Ingots for Forgings	9%	\$51M
Steel making	8%	\$48M
API / Oil and Gas	6%	\$33M
Pipe and Tube	4%	\$21M
Re-Rolling	3%	\$16M

### Key points

- End-use industries with increasing share of "Others" for the past 3 months
  - Automobile - 70M to 88M | Steel making - 37M to 48M | Solar Panels - 1M to 15M
- End-use industries with highest increase in share of "Others" in Mar'20
  - Trade / Dealer - 54M to 82M | Ingot for Forgings - 30M to 51M | Solar Panels - 2M to 15M

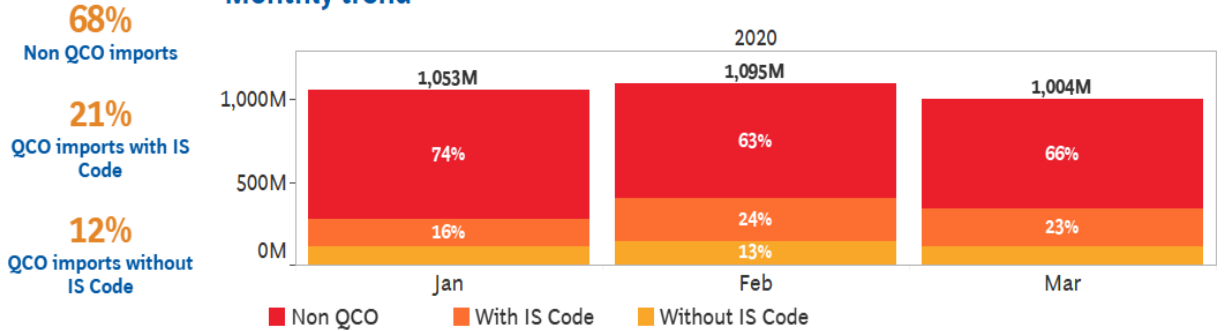
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## Imports under QCO

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

QCO imports – Imports under HS codes which have active QCOs

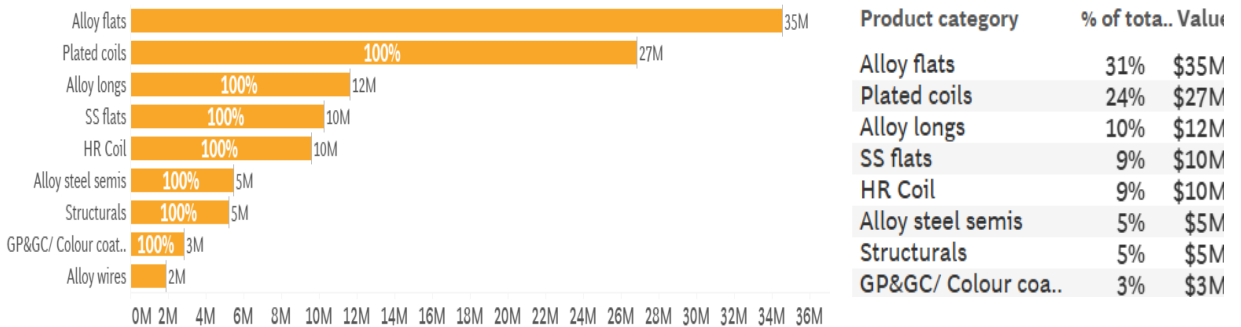
#### Monthly trend



#### Key points

- Imports of 339M in Mar'20 are under QCO vs monthly average of 340M
- 34% of imports in Mar'20 are under QCO vs monthly average of 32%
- QCO imports without IS Code
  - 11% of QCO imports in Mar'20 are without IS code mentioned vs monthly average of 12%
  - Value of QCO imports without IS code is 112M in Mar'20 vs 114M in Feb'20 – 22% lower
  - Share of imports without IS code in Mar'20 is -1% lower than Feb'20

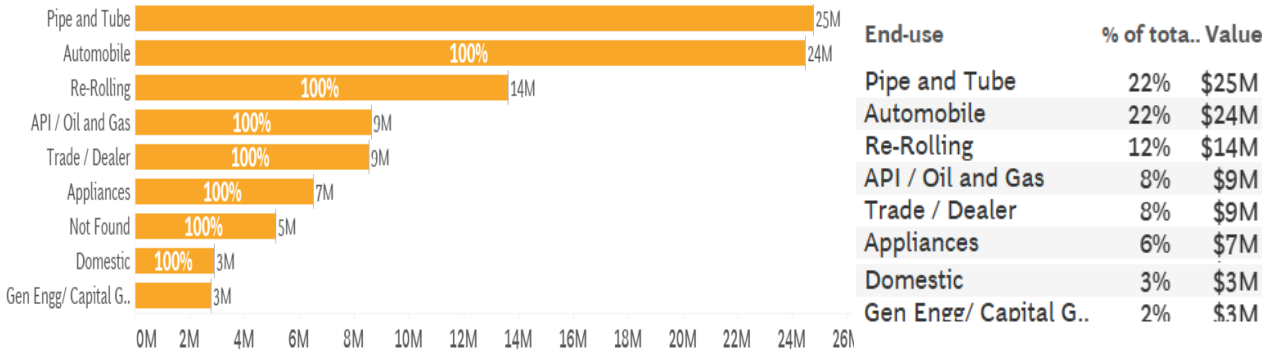
### QCO imports without IS Codes – Product wise (\$M)



#### Key points

- Product categories with highest QCO imports without IS Code in Mar'20– Alloy Flats, Plated coils, Alloy Longs
- Product categories with highest increase of QCO imports without IS Code in Mar'20
  - HR Coils from 3M to 10M
  - Alloy long from 8M to 12M
  - GP&GC/ Color coated from 2M to 3M

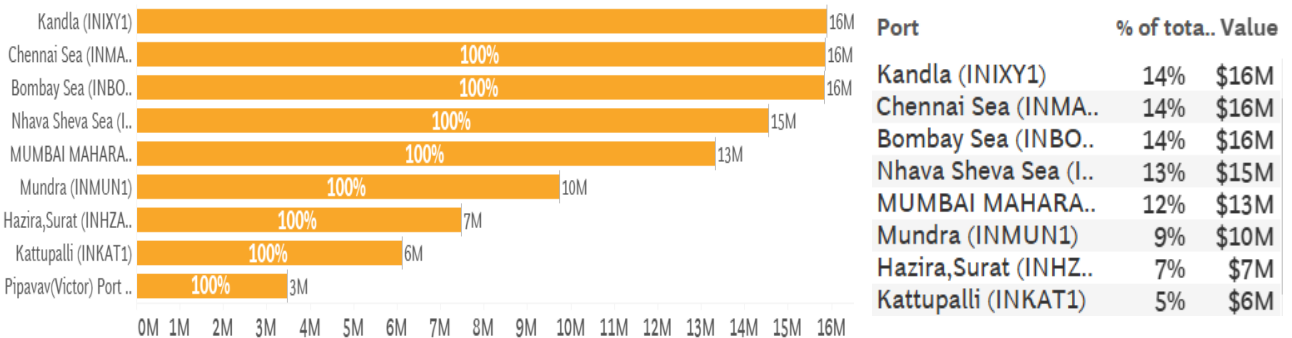
## QCO imports without IS Codes – End use wise (\$M)



### Key points

- End-use industries with highest QCO imports without IS Code in Mar'20- Pipes & Tubes, Automobile, Re-Rolling
- End use industries with highest increase of QCO imports without IS Code in Mar'20
  - Pipe & Tubes from 7M to 25M
  - API / Oil and Gas from 1M to 9M
  - Gen Enge. / Capital goods from 1M to 3M

## QCO imports without IS Codes – Port wise (\$M)



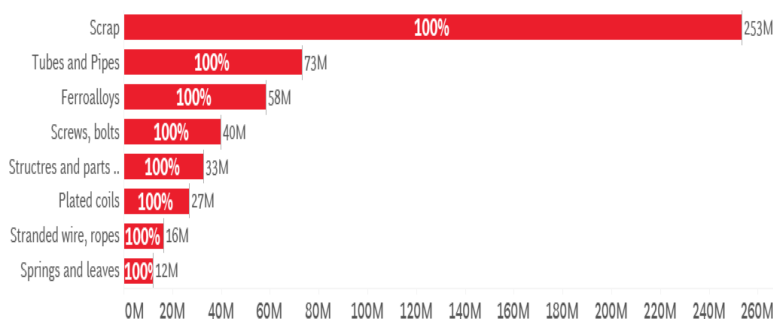
### Key points

- Ports with highest QCO imports without IS Code in Mar'20 - Kandla, Chennai Sea, Bombay Sea contribute to 42% of imports
- Ports with highest increase of QCO imports without IS Code in Mar'20
  - Bombay Sea from 10M to 16M
  - Kandla from 3M to 16M
  - Hazira, Surat from 2M to 7M

## QCO imports without IS Codes- Top HS Codes (\$M)

Hs Desc	≡	Value
72104900 - OTHR PRDCTS OF IRON/NON-ALLOY STEEL ..		17M
72251920 - FLT-RLD PRDCTS OF SILICON ELCTRCL STEE..		14M
72253090 - OTHER HOT-ROLLED PRODUCTS IN COILS		12M
72107000 - PRDCTS PAINTD,VRNSHD/COATD WTH PLST..		7M
72249091 - STEEL BILLETS		5M
72163300 - H-SCTNS,HT-RLLD,HT-DRWN OF HEIGHT>=8..		5M
72284000 - OTHR BARS AND RODS-FORGED		4M
72085110 - PLATES OF FLAT-ROLD PRDCTS NOT IN COIL..		4M
72283029 - OTHERS		4M
72209090 - STAINLESS STL OTHR THN SKELP OF OTHR ..		3M
72259900 - OTHER FLT-RLD PRDCTS OF OTHER ALLOY-S..		3M
72083740 - STRIPS OF FLAT-ROLD PRDCTS IN COILS OF ..		3M
72202090 - STRIPS FOR PIPES AND TUBES(OTHR THN S..		3M
72254019 - OTHER QULTY OF THCKNS>4.75 MM		2M
72199090 - OTHR SHEETS AND PLATES N.E.S.		2M
72254013 - HIGH TENSILE QULTY OF THCKNS>4.75 MM		2M
72299090 - OTHERS		2M
72125090 - OTHERS		2M
72283019 - BRIGHT BARS OFOTHER STL		2M
72109090 - OTHR FLT-RLD PRDCTS OF IRON/NON ALOY ..		1M

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



Product category	% of tota..	Value
Scrap	38%	\$253M
Tubes and Pipes	11%	\$73M
Ferroalloys	9%	\$58M
Screws, bolts	6%	\$40M
Structres and parts ..	5%	\$33M
Plated coils	4%	\$27M
Stranded wire, ropes	2%	\$16M
Springs and leaves	2%	\$12M

### Key points

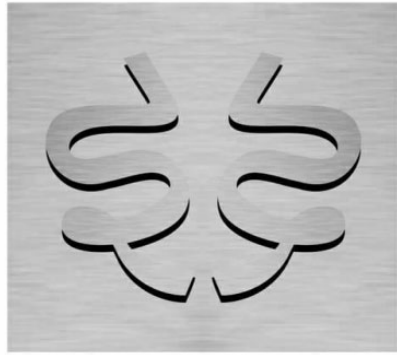
- Product categories with highest non-QCO imports (except Scrap) in Mar'20- Tubes & Pipes, Ferroalloys, Screws & Bolts
- Product categories with highest increase of non-QCO imports in Mar'20 (except scrap)-
  - Plated coils from 24M to 27M
  - Rail Coaches from 8M to 12M

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

Hs Desc	₹	Value
72044900 - OTHER WASTE AND SCRAP		131M
72042190 - OTHR WST AND SCRPF OF STAINLES..		110M
73089090 - OTHER STRUCTURE AND PARTS OF..		31M
73181500 - OTHR SCREWS AND BOLTS W/N WT..		20M
73269099 - ALL OTHER ARTICLES OF IRON/STE..		18M
72022100 - FERRO-SILICON CONTNG>55% OF SI..		17M
72103090 - OTHR FLT ROLD PRDCTS OF IRON/..		14M
86031000 - Powered from an external source of el..		12M
73041990 - OTHER		11M
72026000 - FERRO-NICKEL		9M
73045930 - TUBS/PIPS ETC OF CRCLR CRSS-SEC..		9M
73121090 - OTHERS(E.G.TRANSMISSION BELTI..		9M
73202000 - HELICAL SPRINGS		9M
73261990 - OTHERS OF OTHER ARTICLES OF F..		8M
73066100 - OF SQUARE OR RECTANGULAR CRO..		8M
73181600 - THREADED NUTS		7M
72029300 - FERRO-NIOBIUM		7M
73049000 - OTHR SEAMLESS TUBES/PIPES AND..		6M
73021010 - RAILWAY RAILS		6M
72259200 - FLT ROLD PRDCTS OF OTHER ALLO..		6M
72101290 - OTHER PLATES,SHEETS,STRIPS		6M
72024100 - FERRO-CHROMIUM CARBON CONT..		6M
72042990 - OTHERS		5M
73064000 - OTHER,WELDED,OF CIRCULAR CRO..		5M
73042910 - CASING, TUBING OF IRON		5M
73079990 - NON-GALVANISED		4M
72041000 - WASTE AND SCRAP OF CAST IRON		4M
72105000 - PRDCTS PLTD/COATD WTH CHROM..		4M
72027000 - FERRO-MOI YBDFNIUM		4M



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