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# Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS)

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Report on import registrations till  
September 2023

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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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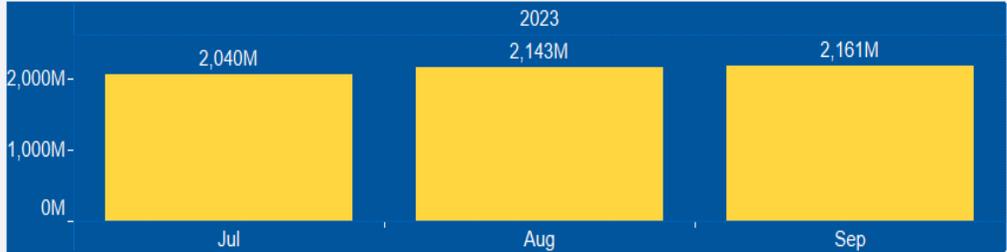
# 1

## Import Summary

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

**Total imports**  
**\$6,345M**

#### M-o-M trend



#### Key points

- Imports in Sep'23 – 2161M
- Average monthly imports from Jul'23 to Sep'23 – 2115M
- Imports in Sep'23(2161M) is 1% Higher than Aug'23(2143M)
- Imports in Sep'23(2161M) is 6% Higher than Jul'23(2040M)

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

SNo.	Product category	Country	Value % share
1	SS Ingots	INDONESIA	6%
2	SS flats	CHINA	5%
3	Scrap	UNITED STATES	4%
4	HR Coil	KOREA, REPUBLI..	3%
5	Scrap	UNITED KINGDOM	3%
6	Alloy flats	KOREA, REPUBLI..	3%
7	Alloy flats	CHINA	3%
8	Tubes and Pipes	CHINA	2%

- Top 10 groups contribute to 32% of imports
- Highest increase in Sep'23 w.r.t. Aug'23
  - HR Coil – China from 15.58M to 50.21M
  - SS Ingots – Indonesia from 113.28M to 147.05M
  - Alloy flats – China from 37.91M to 57.30M
- Highest decrease seen in Sep'23 w.r.t. Aug'23
  - Alloy flats – Korea from 94.91M to 37.68M
  - HR Coil – Vietnam from 47.96M to 11.49M
  - CR Coil – Korea from 43.74M to 11.52M

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## Category wise imports

### Product category wise imports (\$M)-Sep'23

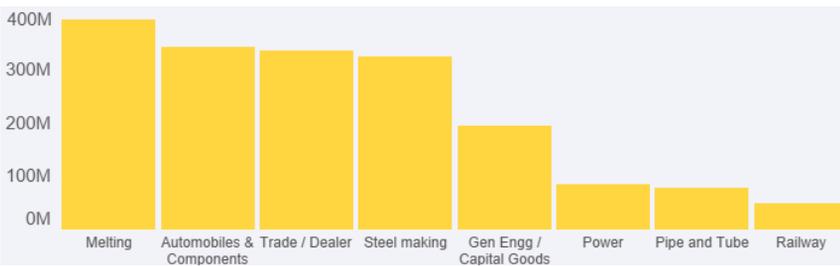


Product category	% of total ..	Value
Scrap	29%	\$623M
Alloy flats	8%	\$179M
SS flats	8%	\$167M
HR Coil	8%	\$163M
SS Ingots	7%	\$154M
Plated coils	6%	\$122M
Tubes and Pipes	5%	\$98M
Screws, bolts	4%	\$93M

### Key points

- Top 4 categories contribute more than 50% of imports
- Product categories with highest increase in Sep'23 w.r.t. Aug'23(Ex. Scrap)
  - SS Ingots - 121M to 154M | Others - 41M to 59M | Railway material - 1M to 18M
- Product categories with highest increase in Sep'23 w.r.t. Jul'23(Ex. Scrap)
  - SS Ingots - 118M to 154M | Plated coils - 89M to 122M | Railway material - 2M to 18M
- Product categories with highest decrease in Sep'23 w.r.t. Jul'23
  - Alloy flats - 261M to 179M | HR Coil - 214M to 163M | Rail maintenance vehicles - 19M to 0M

### End-use industry wise imports (\$M)- Sep'23

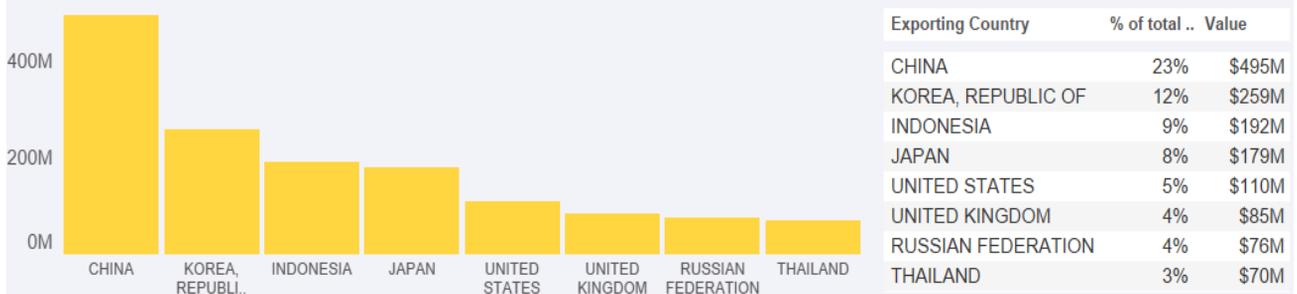


End-use	% of total ..	Value
Melting	18%	\$396M
Automobiles & Compon..	16%	\$345M
Trade / Dealer	16%	\$337M
Steel making	15%	\$326M
Gen Engg / Capital Goo..	9%	\$196M
Power	4%	\$86M
Pipe and Tube	4%	\$79M
Railway	2%	\$50M

### Key points

- Top 3 End use industries contribute to 50% of imports
- End use industries with highest increase in Sep'23 w.r.t. Aug'23
  - Steel making - 260 M to 326M | Gen Engg / Capital Goods - 179M to 196M | Commercial Construction - 19M to 33M
- End use industries with highest increase in Sep'23 w.r.t. Jul'23
  - Melting - 325M to 396M | Steel making - 268M to 326M | Trade / Dealer - 313M to 337M
- End use industries with highest decrease in Sep'23 w.r.t. Jul'23
  - Coating / Galvanizing - 65M to 17M | Pipe and Tube - 115M to 79M | Gen Engg / Capital Goods - 219M to 196M

## Imports by exporting country (\$M)- Sep'23



### Key points

- Top 4 countries contribute more than 50% of imports
- Exporting countries with highest increase in Sep'23 w.r.t. Aug'23
  - Russian Federation from 15.90M to 76.38M
  - China from 439.91M to 495.37M
  - Indonesia 150.38M to 192.13M
- Exporting countries with highest increase in Sep'23 w.r.t. Jul'23
  - Indonesia from 157M to 192M
  - United States from 78M to 110M
  - United Kingdom from 65M to 85M
- Exporting countries with highest decrease in Sep'23 w.r.t. Jul'23
  - Taiwan from 59M to 11M
  - Vietnam from 77M to 56M
  - Italy from 44M to 26M

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## Imports despite domestic availability

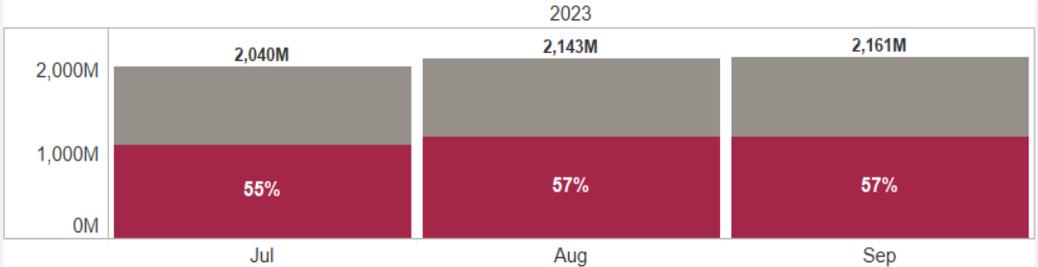
### Imports despite domestic availability – Month wise registrations (\$M)

% imports which are available in India

56%

India available ■ No ■ Yes

M-o-M trend

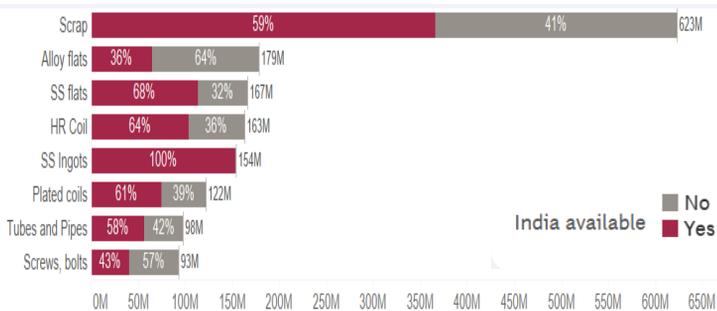


### Key points

- Imports of 1229M in Sep'23 were domestically available vs monthly average(Jul'23 to Sep'23) of 1194M
- Domestically available imports in Sep'23(1229M) were 1% Higher than Aug'23(1222M)
- Highest value of imports which are available in India in Sep'23 (Ex-scrap)
  - 147M for SS Ingots – Steel Making | 64M for SS flats – Trade / Dealer | 33M for Alloy flats – Automobiles & Components

### Imports By Product category – Sep'23

Product category wise imports (\$M)



Share of Major Product category

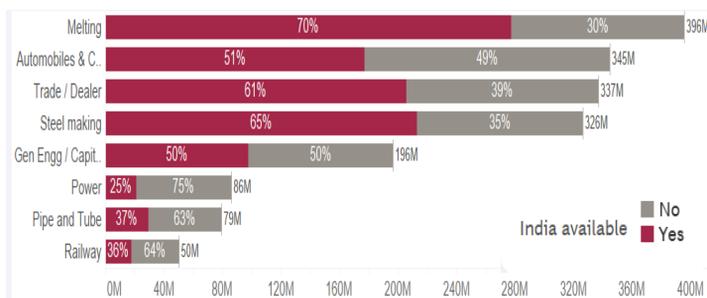
Category	% of Total	Value
Scrap	30%	\$366M
SS Ingots	13%	\$154M
SS flats	9%	\$114M
HR Coil	8%	\$104M
Plated coils	6%	\$75M
Alloy flats	5%	\$64M
Tubes and Pipes	5%	\$56M
Ferroalloys	4%	\$46M

### Key points

- Product categories with more than 50% imports available in India(Ex-scrap) in Sep'23
  - SS Ingots, SS flats, HR Coil, Plated coils, Alloy Flats, Pipes and Tubes, Ferroalloys,
- Product categories with highest increase in imports available in India in Sep'23
  - SS Ingots – 120M to 154M | Others – 16M to 31M | Rail locomotives – 13M to 24M

## Imports by End-use wise - Sep'23

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



### Highest imports available in India

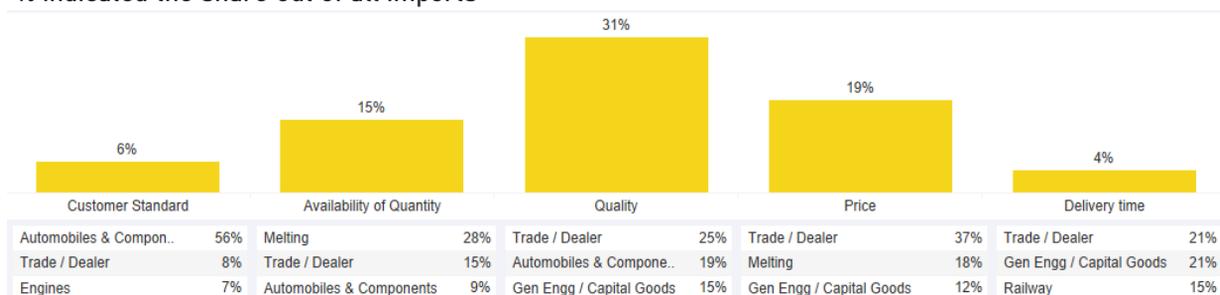
Category	% of Total	Value
Melting	23%	\$278M
Steel making	17%	\$213M
Trade / Dealer	17%	\$206M
Automobiles & Compon..	14%	\$177M
Gen Engg / Capital Goo..	8%	\$98M
API / Oil and Gas	3%	\$32M
Pipe and Tube	2%	\$30M
Engines	2%	\$26M

### Key points

- End-use industries with more than 50% imports available in India in Aug'23
  - Melting, Steel making, Trade / Dealer
- End-use industries with highest increase in imports available in Aug'23
  - Steel making - 169M to 213M | Gen Engg / Capital Goods - 84M to 98M | Coating / Galvanizing- 6M to 17M

## Import reasons for products available in India

% indicated the share out of all imports



### Key points

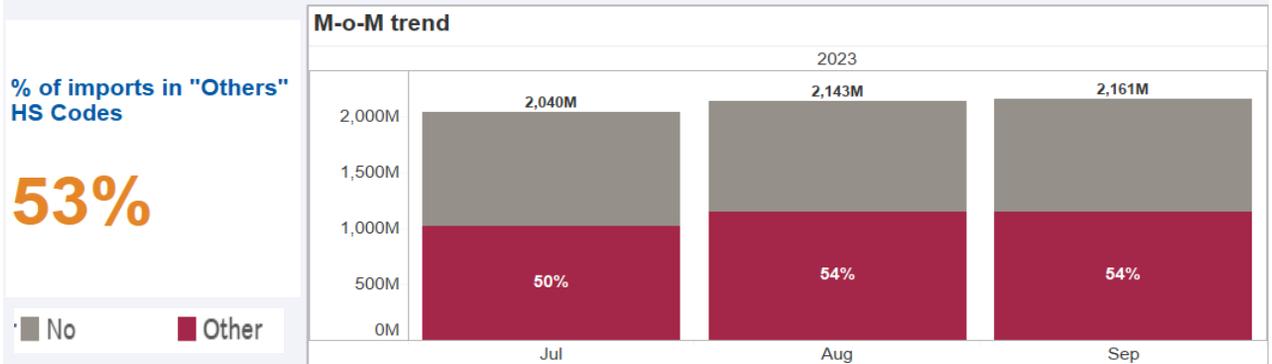
- Share of imports due to price has Decreased by 12% from Sep'23 to Aug'23.
- Major end uses which import due to price in Sep'23 – Trade/ Dealer, Melting, Gen Engg/Capital Goods.
- Major end uses which import due to quality in Sep'23 – Trade/ Dealer, Automobiles & Components, Gen Engg/Capital Goods.

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## "Others" HS Codes

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

List of "Others" HS codes attached in Annexures



% of imports in "Others" HS Codes

53%

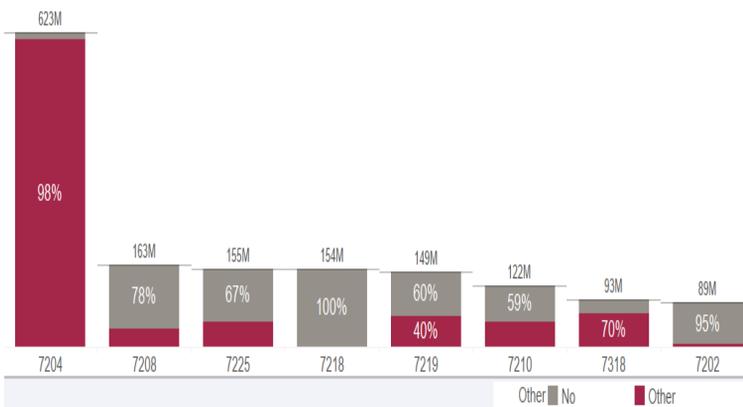
No Other

#### Key points

- Imports of 1163M in Sep'23 were under "Others" HS codes vs monthly average(Jul'23 to Sep'23) of 1118M
- Value of imports under "Others" in Sep'23 were 0% higher than Aug'23

### 4 digit HS Code wise-Sep'23

4 digit HS Code wise imports (\$M)



Highest imports under "Others"

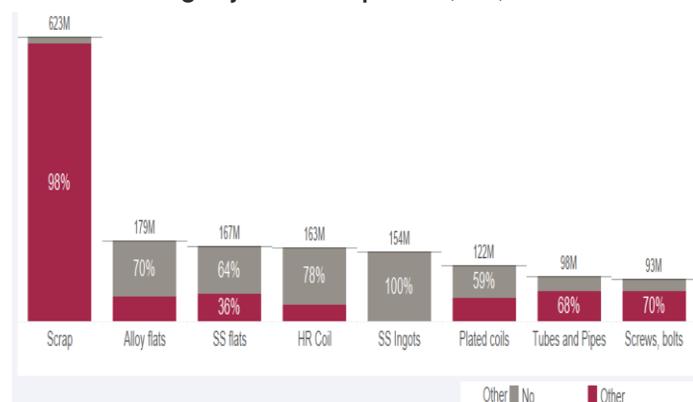
Category	% of Total	Value
7204	52%	\$609M
7318	6%	\$65M
7219	5%	\$60M
7225	4%	\$51M
7210	4%	\$50M
7304	3%	\$40M
7326	3%	\$39M
7208	3%	\$36M

#### Key points

- Four digit code with increasing share of "Others" in Sep'23 w.r.t. Jul'23
  - 7204 - 490M to 609M | 7210 - 30M to 50M | 7207 - 1M to 20M
- Four digit code with highest increase of "Others" in Sep'23 w.r.t. Aug'23
  - 7204 - 580M to 609M | 7302 - 1M to 10M | 7228 - 20M to 29M

## Product category wise - Aug'23

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



### Highest imports under "Others"

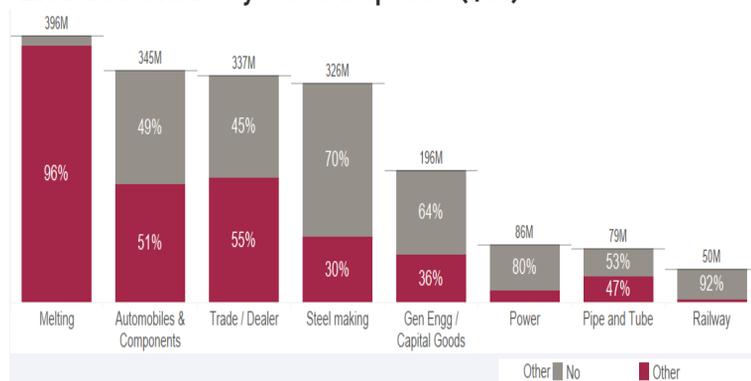
Product category	% of total ..	Value
Scrap	52%	\$609M
Tubes and Pipes	6%	\$67M
Screws, bolts	6%	\$65M
SS flats	5%	\$60M
Alloy flats	5%	\$53M
Plated coils	4%	\$50M
HR Coil	3%	\$36M

### Key points

- Product categories with increasing share of "Others" in Sep'23 w.r.t. Jul'23(Ex. Scrap)
  - Plated coils – 30M to 50M | Semis – 1M to 20M | Bars and Rods – 6M to 20M
- Product categories with highest increase in share of "Others" in Sep'23 w.r.t. Aug'23(Ex. Scrap)
  - Railway material – 1M to 10M | Semis – 12M to 20M | Alloy longs – 22M to 30M

## End-use industry wise- Sep'23

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



### Highest imports under "Others"

Category	% of Total	Value
Melting	33%	\$381M
Trade / Dealer	16%	\$186M
Automobiles & Compon..	15%	\$175M
Steel making	8%	\$98M
Gen Engg / Capital Goo..	6%	\$70M
Pipe and Tube	3%	\$38M
Wire Drawing	2%	\$26M
Engines	2%	\$21M

### Key points

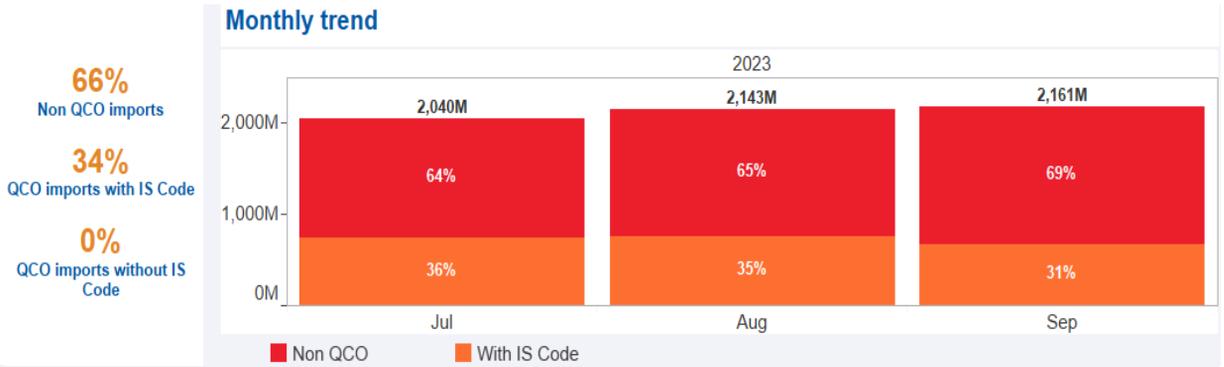
- End-use industries with increasing share of "Others" in Sep'23 w.r.t. Jul'23
  - Melting – 312M to 381M | Trade / Dealer – 161M to 186M | Gen Engg / Capital Goods – 50M to 70M
- End-use industries with highest increase in share of "Others" in Sep'23 w.r.t. Aug'23
  - Steel making – 84M to 98M | Coating / Galvanizing – 0M to 12M | Trade / Dealer – 176M to 186M

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## Imports under QCO

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

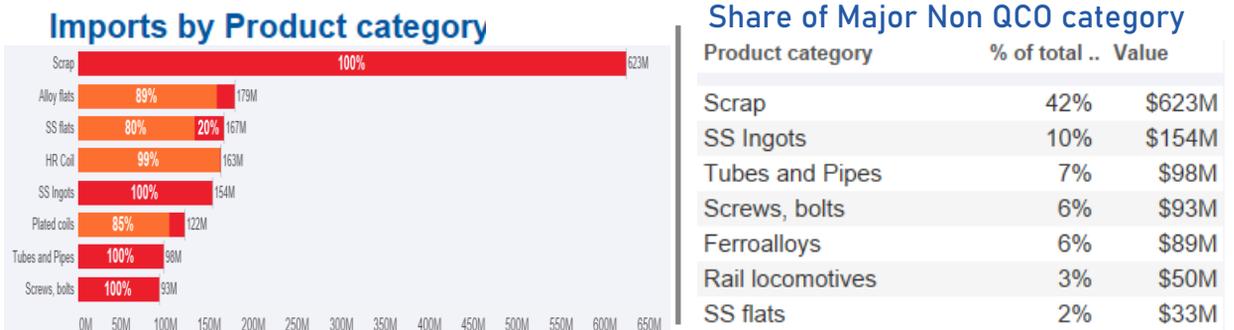
QCO imports – Imports under HS codes which have active QCOs



#### Key points

- Imports of 671M in Sep'23 are under QCO vs monthly average(Jul'23 to Sep'23) of 723M
- 31% of imports in Sep'23 are under QCO vs monthly average(Jul'23 to Sep'23) of 34%

### Non QCO imports – Product wise (\$M)-Sep'23

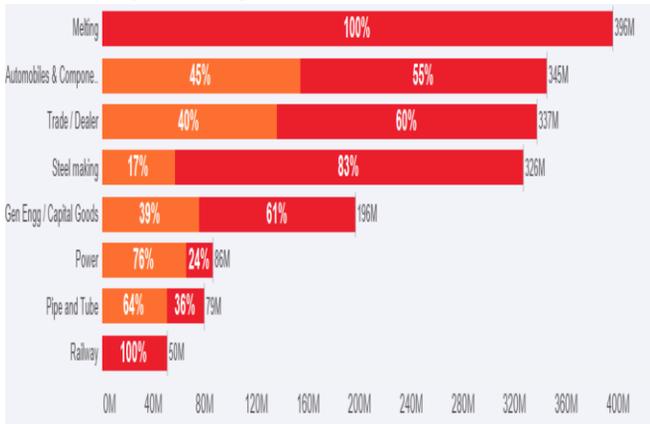


#### Key points

- Product categories with highest Non QCO imports (Ex. Scrap) in Sep'23 – SS Ingot, Tubes and Pipes, Screws, bolts, Ferro Alloys, Rail locomotives, SS flats
- Product categories with highest increase of Non QCO imports in Sep'23 (Ex. Scrap)
  - SS Ingots from 121M to 154M
  - Others from 35M to 53M
  - Railway material from 1M to 18M

## Non QCO imports – End use wise (\$M)- Sep'23

### Imports by End-use



### Share of Major Non QCO End-use industries

End-use	% of total ..	Value
Melting	27%	\$396M
Steel making	18%	\$269M
Trade / Dealer	14%	\$201M
Automobiles & Compon..	13%	\$191M
Gen Engg / Capital Goo..	8%	\$121M
Railway	3%	\$50M
Wire Drawing	2%	\$30M
Commercial Construction	2%	\$29M

### Key points

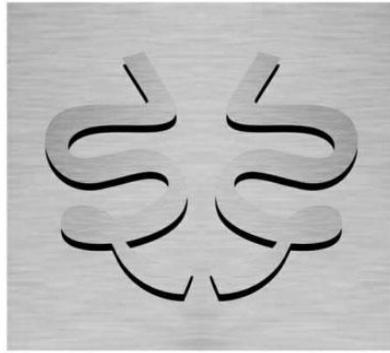
- End-use industries with highest Non QCO imports in Sep'23
  - Melting, Steel making, Trade / Dealer.
- End use industries with highest increase of Non QCO imports in Sep'23
  - Steel making from 211M to 269M
  - Trade / Dealer from 176M to 201M
  - Commercial Construction from 11M to 29M

## Non-QCO imports(ex-Scrap) – Top HS codes (\$M) – Jul'23 to Sep'23

Hs Desc	≡	Value
72189100 - Of rectangular (other than square) cross-section		370M
73181500 - OTHR SCREWS AND BOLTS W/N WTH NUTS ..		129M
73269099 - ALL OTHER ARTICLES OF IRON/STEEL NES ..		109M
72026000 - FERRO-NICKEL		88M
72022100 - FERRO-SILICON CONTNG>55% OF SILICON		69M
86071910 - AXLES,WHEELS ETC.FR RLWAY WAGONS A..		59M
86071990 - OTHER PARTS OF AXLES AND WHEELS FOR..		53M
73121090 - OTHERS(E.G.TRANSMISSION BELTING)		42M
72031000 - FERS PRDCT OBTND BY DRCT RDCTN OF IR..		42M
73181600 - THREADED NUTS		41M
72191200 - HT-RLLD PRDCTS IN COILS OF THCKNS >=4..		37M
72011000 - NON-ALLOY PIG IRON CONTNG <=0.5% PHO..		35M
73089090 - OTHER STRUCTURE AND PARTS OF STRUC..		34M
73045930 - TUBS/PIPS ETC OF CRCLR CRSS-SECTN WI..		32M
73181900 - OTHER THREADED ARTICLES		30M
72259200 - FLT ROLD PRDCTS OF OTHER ALLOY STEEL..		30M
73110030 - High pressure cylinder (working pressure		29M
72027000 - FERRO-MOLYBDENUM		29M
72029300 - FERRO-NIOBIUM		28M
72103090 - OTHR FLT ROLD PRDCTS OF IRON/NON ALO..		26M
73064000 - OTHER,WELDED,OF CIRCULAR CROSS-SEC..		26M
73049000 - OTHR SEAMLESS TUBES/PIPES AND HOLO..		24M
73129000 - PLAITED BAND,SLINGS AND LIKE OF IRON O..		24M
72251990 - OTHER FLT-RLD PRDCTS OF SILICON ELCT..		22M
86040000 - RAILWAY OR TRAMWAY MAINTENANCE OR ..		21M
72189910 - BILLETS		21M
73269080 - PARTS OFSHIPS,FLOATING STRUCTRRE AN..		19M
73121020 - WIRE ROPES,GALVANISED		19M
73181400 - SELF-TAPPING SCREWS,THREADED		18M
73043919 - OTHER MADE UPTO 114.3 MM OUTER DIAME..		17M
73079990 - NON-GALVANISED		17M
72044100 - TURNGS,SHVNGS,CHPS,MILNG WST,SWDST..		17M
73239390 - OTHR HOUSEHOLD ARTICL OF STAINLESS ST..		16M
73209090 - OTHERS OF OTHER SPRINGS OF IRON/STEEL		16M
73079390 - NON GALVANISED		15M
73043939 - OTHER MADE ABOVE 219.1 MM OUTER DIAM..		15M



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