

Canadian Steel Producers Association

The Association membership comprises fourteen companies across Canada who melt and pour steel. Member companies have kept their capacity consistent with their markets and have continued to invest in the best new technology to maintain world standards of productivity, quality and efficiency. Although some downsizing has been necessary, Canadian mills, by and large, have not experienced the disastrous performance that significant overcapacity and facility obsolescence has brought on in other parts of the world. In fact, Canadian steel 'know how' has proven very successful in other countries. Both Lasco, through its parent Canadian organization Co-Steel, and Ivaco have established significant profitable steel operations in the United States and elsewhere, while Stelco's innovative Coilbox technology has been accepted world-wide. Canadian steel producers are Canadian-owned and predominantly have generated capital for investment from private sources. They have worked hard to be world class and world competitive in a very difficult market environment.

The Association's primary focus is on steel trade and trade-related issues in both national and international spheres.

In this context, areas of major activity and interest include:

- continued fair access to the U.S. and other markets;
- minimizing the impact of unfairly traded steel imported into Canada;
- final implementation of the recently signed Free Trade Agreement with the United States;
- maintaining Canadian steel producers' international reputation of world class production and fair trade marketing.

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through the co-operation of
Industry, Science and Technology,
Capacity (000 tons)

Capacity Utilization (%)

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Employment (000)

Primary Iron and Steel

Shipments (000 tons)

Exports (000 tons)

Imports (000 tons)

Apparent Domestic Consumption

(000 tons)

Imports as % of Apparent

Domestic Consumption

Total Imports from U.S.

(000 tons)

U.S. Imports as % of Apparent

Domestic Consumption

(1) Excludes exports for conversion and return