



Japan: Building Products Industry

Building Products Import Statistics – May 2008

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Summary

Total imports of building products to Japan for the five-month period from January to May 2008 decreased 28.7% to 496.7 billion yen (about US\$4,540 billion at 109.40 yen/US\$), compared to 696.5 billion yen (about US\$5.91 billion at 117.76 yen/US\$) for the same period in 2007. Imports from the United States decreased 30.1% to 34.2 billion yen (US\$312.3 million) from January to May 2008, compared to 48.9 billion yen (US\$415.0 million) in the same period in 2007.

Cumulative Value of Imports of Building Products

The following tables show the value of the total imports of building products and the imports of building products from the United States by Harmonized System Code (HS Code). The HS Codes in the tables include most building products, both residential and non-residential, and show trends in both total imports and in imports from the United States.

The Harmonized System Codes (HS Codes), also known as Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) codes and shown in the tables below, are the standard international codes used for trade and to categorize products. For example, wooden windows and doors are included in HS Code 4418. Steel, aluminum and vinyl doors are included in HS Code 7308, 7610 and 3925, respectively. For details on HS Codes, please review "2008 U.S. Tariff and Trade Data for a Specific Product" at http://dataweb.usitc.gov/scripts/tariff_current.asp.

Total Imports of Building Products (cumulative value, million yen)

HS Code	Jan. – May 2007	Jan. – May 2008	Change
2514	82	93	13.9%
2515	252	85	-66.1%
2516	599	411	-31.3%
2517	1,281	1,040	-18.8%
3816	1,332	1,542	15.7%
3918	2,841	2,393	-15.8%
3922	3,440	2,795	-18.8%
3925	6,653	6,058	-8.9%
4403	105,330	57,828	-45.1%
4404	275	233	-15.4%
4407	151,011	93,815	-37.9%
4408	4,308	3,643	-15.4%
4409	16,848	12,082	-28.3%
4410	8,158	6,847	-16.1%
4411	10,675	8,072	-24.4%
4412	129,189	75,588	-41.5%
4413	46	73	56.6%
4418	48,735	31,519	-35.3%
6801	2,075	1,675	-19.3%
6802	38,423	33,882	-11.8%
6803	213	190	-11.1%

HS Code	Jan. – May 2007	Jan. – May 2008	Change
6807	359	457	27.4%
6810	4,335	3,306	-23.7%
6811	306	347	13.1%
6901	514	551	7.3%
6902	8,684	10,785	24.2%
6904	1,283	958	-25.3%
6905	93	70	-24.3%
6907	3,666	3,260	-11.1%
6908	4,391	3,953	-10.0%
6910	3,892	3,450	-11.4%
7003	2,216	472	-78.7%
7004	3,763	1,021	-72.9%
7005	10,424	13,716	31.6%
7006	15,963	20,088	25.8%
7008	324	224	-30.9%
7016	680	635	-6.6%
7308	69,095	63,523	-8.1%
7610	25,247	22,769	-9.8%
9406	9,482	7,260	-23.4%
Total	696,479	496,708	-28.7%

Source: Japan Tariff Association

Imports of Building Products from the United States (cumulative value, million yen)

HS Code	Jan. – May 2007	Jan. – May 2008	Change	US Share in 2008
2514	-	-	-	0.0%
2515	-	-	-	0.0%
2516	39	6	-84.6%	1.5%
2517	9	5	-47.3%	0.5%
3816	122	163	33.1%	10.5%
3918	195	157	-19.8%	6.5%
3922	75	73	-2.4%	2.6%
3925	542	324	-40.3%	5.3%
4403	31,642	21,705	-31.4%	37.5%
4404	0	1	435.4%	0.5%
4407	5,902	4,322	-26.8%	4.6%
4408	80	71	-10.9%	2.0%
4409	338	326	-3.7%	2.7%
4410	101	117	16.7%	1.7%
4411	179	27	-84.7%	0.3%
4412	45	32	-30.1%	0.0%
4413	-	27	-	36.8%
4418	1,520	1,205	-20.7%	3.8%
6801	-	2	-	0.1%
6802	34	22	-35.3%	0.1%
6803	5	-	-100.0%	0.0%
6807	173	80	-53.8%	17.5%
6810	482	302	-37.4%	9.1%
6811	1	-	-100.0%	0.0%

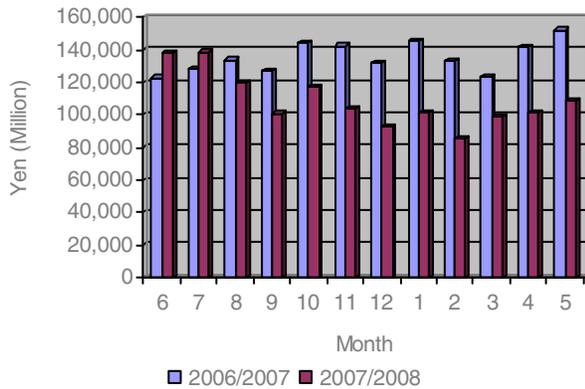
HS Code	Jan. – May 2007	Jan. – May 2008	Change	US Share in 2008
6901	0	1	138.1%	0.2%
6902	1,883	2,495	32.5%	23.1%
6904	14	11	-23.0%	1.2%
6905	0	-	-100.0%	0.0%
6907	3	2	-52.5%	0.0%
6908	9	5	-47.6%	0.1%
6910	21	44	113.9%	1.3%
7003	1,822	118	-93.5%	24.9%
7004	211	204	-3.3%	20.0%
7005	2,076	887	-57.3%	6.5%
7006	20	17	-16.4%	0.1%
7008	3	4	6.6%	1.6%
7016	12	63	418.7%	9.9%
7308	805	727	-9.7%	1.1%
7610	336	332	-1.3%	1.5%
9406	168	287	71.0%	3.9%
Total	48,869	34,161	-30.1%	6.9%

Source: Japan Tariff Association

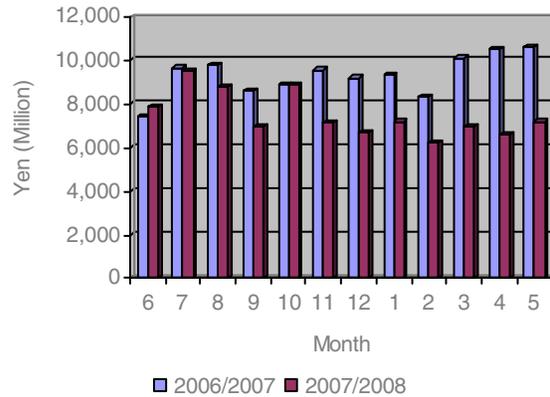
Monthly Imports of Building Products

The following charts show monthly (not cumulative) imports of building products from June 2006 to May 2008.

*Total Imports of Building Products
(Year-on-Year Comparison)*



*Imports of Building Products from the USA
(Year-on-Year Comparison)*



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