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Table 1a. Total Shipments of Steel Pails and Steel Drums: 1997
 [Quantity in thousands of units. Value in thousands of dollars]

Product code 1/	Product description	No. of cos.	Quantity	Value
	Steel pails.....	16	63,142	197,635
	11 1/4-inch diameter.....	(NA)	60,047	185,431
34121 01	Full removable head.....	10	46,541	141,696
34121 06	Tight head (standard and dome top).....	8	13,506	43,735
34121 13	All other diameters.....	10	3,095	12,204
	Steel drums and barrels.....	24	32,771	672,727
34122 21	Under 30 gallon capacity, all thicknesses.....	12	3,772	39,917
34122 26	30 to 49 gallon capacity, all thicknesses.....	14	1,818	32,731
	50 gallon capacity and over	(NA)	27,181	600,079
	0.04 inch (1.01mm) body thickness and over ..	(NA)	12,857	299,052
34122 36	Tight head.....	20	8,632	186,313
34122 41	Open head.....	22	4,225	112,739
	Under 0.04 inch (1.01mm) body thickness	(NA)	14,324	301,027
34122 46	Tight head.....	20	10,818	218,156
34122 51	Open head.....	20	3,506	82,871

NA Not available.

1/Descriptions of product codes were changed for 1997, because of consultation with the Steel Shipping Container Institute.

Table 1b. Total Shipments of Steel Pails and Steel Drums: 1996
 [Quantity in thousands of units. Value in thousands of dollars]

Product code 1/	Product description	No. of cos.	Quantity	Value
	Steel pails.....	16	60,443	200,681
	11 1/4-inch diameter.....	(NA)	57,924	187,114
34121 01	Full removable head.....	10	46,512	151,643
34121 06	Tight head (standard and dome top).....	7	11,412	35,471
34121 11	14-inch diameter.....	6	a/ 777	6,365
34121 13	All other diameters.....	7	1,742	7,202
	Steel drums and barrels.....	28	34,334	706,084
	14-inch diameter, all gauges.....	(NA)	2,209	23,547
34122 01	Tight head.....	6	281	4,018
34122 03	Open head, full or partial.....	9	a/ 1,928	a/ 19,529
	All other, except 14-inch diameter.....	(NA)	32,124	682,537
	20 gauge and heavier.....	(NA)	29,062	637,462
	50 gallon and larger, 18 gauge and heavier.....	(NA)	12,008	286,904
34122 05	Tight head.....	23	7,289	164,442
34122 07	Open head.....	25	4,719	122,462
	50 gallon and larger, 19 and 20 gauge, including 20/18.....	(NA)	15,918	329,324
34122 09	Tight head.....	23	12,532	252,368
34122 11	Open head.....	23	3,386	76,956
34122 13	30 to 49 gallon.....	14	727	14,291
34122 15	Under 30 gallon.....	8	409	6,943
	Lighter than 20 gauge 2/.....	12	a/ 3,062	a/ 45,075

NA Not available.

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2/Product code 34122 17, "30 gallon and larger," and product code 34122 19, "Under 30 gallon," were combined to avoid disclosing individual company data.

Note: The percent of estimation of each item is indicated as follows: a/10 to 25 percent of this item is estimated.

Table 2. Summary of Producers' Shipments of Steel Pails and
Drums: 1988 to 1997

[Quantity in thousands of units. Value in thousands of dollars]

Year	Steel pails		Steel drums	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1997.....	63,142	197,635	32,771	672,727
1996.....	60,443	200,681	34,334	706,084
1995.....	71,896	162,992	33,279	685,499
1994.....	86,478	208,406	34,857	681,972
1993.....	85,899	202,460	33,474	672,948
1992.....	76,794	178,850	33,336	632,616
1991.....	72,645	180,408	33,970	668,692
1990.....	75,242	195,669	36,388	701,615
1989.....	80,693	205,834	35,966	667,024
1988.....	78,018	188,817	37,336	675,923

Table 3. Shipments, Exports, Imports, and Apparent Consumption of Steel Shipping Pails and Drums: 1997 and 1996
 [Value in thousands of dollars]

Product description	Manufacturers' shipments (value f.o.b. plant)	Exports of domestic merchandise 1/ (value at port)	Value of imports for consumption 2/ 3/	Apparent consumption 4/
Steel shipping pails:				
1997.....	197,635	86,069	69,155	180,721
1996.....	200,681	77,410	51,864	175,135
Steel shipping drums and barrels:				
1997.....	672,727	26,888	25,153	670,992
1996.....	706,084	22,427	30,004	713,661

1/Source: Bureau of the Census report EM 545, U.S. Exports.

2/Source: Bureau of the Census report IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption.

3/Represents c.i.f. (cost, insurance, and freight) value at the first port of entry in the United States plus U.S. import duties.

4/Apparent consumption is derived by subtracting exports from manufacturers' shipments plus imports.