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Steel wire and specified wire products

May 2001

Shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 68 772 metric tonnes in May, down 14.1% from 80 056 tonnes in May 2000. Production and export market data for selected commodities are also available.

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The May 2001 issue of *Steel wire and specified wire products* (41-006-XIB, Vol. 56, no. 5, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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The future for Canada-U.S. container port rivalries

Canada's major container ports have competed successfully against their U.S. counterparts for overseas container traffic. However, the ocean container shipping industry is undergoing changes that will impact on their relationships with ports and competition among ports for container traffic has been fierce. The report *The*

future for Canada-U.S. container port rivalries explores how Canadian ports might fare in this increasingly competitive environment, based on their natural and artificial attributes, their competitive stance and their potential to meet the evolving ocean container industry.

The assessment includes a review of the ocean container shipping industry, the North America container market and competing ports in the United States. This report uses data from two sources, Statistics Canada's marine international origin/destination database and the U.S. Department of Transport Maritime Administration's Annual Import Export Waterborne Databank, which is based on *Journal of Commerce* P.I.E.R.S. data.

The keys to the success of Canadian container ports have been a combination of natural endowments, investments in intermodal facilities and competitive pricing. These factors are likely to continue into the future; however, the competition among container ports is likely to intensify as industry consolidation continues and as publicly funded U.S. intermodal terminal and corridor projects come to fruition.

The research paper *The Future for Canada-U.S. Container Port Rivalries* (54F0001XIE, free) is now available on Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca) under *Our products and services*, *Downloadable research papers (free)* and *Transport and warehousing*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Jean-Robert Larocque (613-951-2486; laroque@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

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The Future for Canada-US Container Port Rivalries
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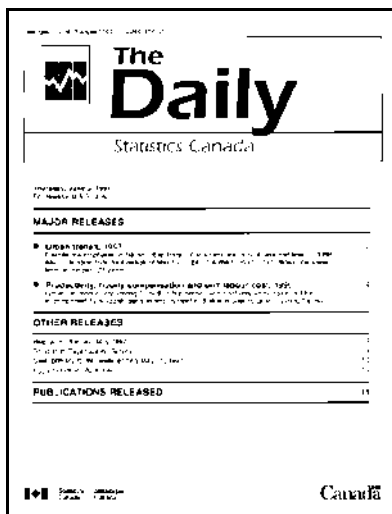
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