BISMUTH IN THE SECOND QUARTER 2017

Bismuth imports in the second quarter of 2017 were 518 metric tons (t), 30% less than those in the previous quarter and 40% less than imports in the second quarter of 2016 (fig. 1, table 3). The average bismuth price for the second quarter was $4.88 per pound, a 4% increase from the price in the previous quarter and a 9% increase from the price in the second quarter of 2016 (table 1). During the second quarter of 2017, China remained the dominant source of United States bismuth imports, accounting for 306 t, or 59%, of total bismuth imports for the quarter.

Figure 1. U.S. imports of bismuth metal (gross weight) from the second quarter of 2015 through the second quarter of 2017. Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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The U.S. Geological Survey plans to discontinue this quarterly Mineral Industry Surveys report. The last published report will be Bismuth in the Fourth Quarter 2017. Information on this mineral commodity will still be available in the bismuth chapters of the annual Mineral Commodity Summaries and the Minerals Yearbook, Volume I, Metals and Minerals. Prior to the proposed discontinuation date, please direct any comments or concerns to Elizabeth Sangine, Chief, Mineral Commodities Section, escottsangine@usgs.gov.
### TABLE 1

**SALIENT BISMUTH STATISTICS**

(Metric tons, unless otherwise specified)

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²Bismuth metal and articles thereof, including waste and scrap.
³Source: American Metal Market.
### TABLE 2
**U.S. EXPORTS OF BISMUTH METAL, BY COUNTRY OR LOCALITY¹, ²**

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¹Bismuth metal and articles thereof, including waste and scrap.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.
TABLE 3
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