Brazilian News



US\$ 457 Million Worth of Fasteners Imported in the First Half of 2021

Ended the first half of 2021, the Brazilian Ministry of Industry and Commerce recorded more than US\$ 457 million worth of imported fasteners (in steel, iron, and other metals). The total import value was 32.1% higher than the same period in 2020. In terms of volume, it was 98,650.51 tons, 59.3% higher than the same period last year.

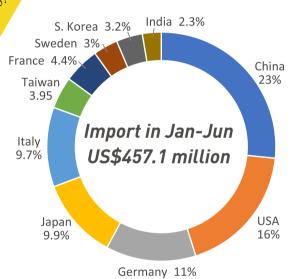
Throughout 2020 the value was US\$ 683.63 million in value and 125,068.4 tons in volume.

In terms of value, China remained at the top among the ten largest fastener supplier countries, with a share of 23% in Brazil, followed by USA (16%), Germany (11%), Japan (9.9%), Italy (9.7%), France (4.4%), Taiwan (3.9%), South Korea (3.2%), Sweden (3.0%), and India (2.3%).

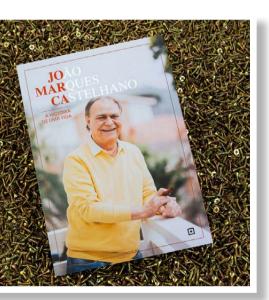
Meanwhile, in the first half the Brazilian fastener export reached US\$ 66.31 million, up just 1.5%. However, due to currency depreciation, the export volume grew 246.5% to 35,744.99 tons.

Brazil exported 26,925.62 tons of fasteners in 2020, with an export value of US\$ 136.81 million.

Among the ten largest fastener export destinations for Brazil, Argentina was the largest in value, accounting for 28%. USA was the second with a share of 18%. Paraguay was next (11%), France (6.7%), Germany (4.6%), Bolivia (3.9%), Uruguay (2.9%), Mexico (2.8%), Chile (2.5%), and Colombia & India were at 2.4%.









A Life Story of João Marques Castelhano

Book addresses the successful trajectory of the founder of Jomarca

Migrating from Portugal to Brazil at the age of 12 in 1954, João Marques Castelhano worked for some important Brazilian fastener companies in his youth, such as Fibam (closed) and Elbrus. After he resigned from Elbrus, he founded Jomarca at just 28 years of age in 1969.

Currently, Jomarca is one of the biggest fastener manufacturers in South America, with more than one thousand employees and a capacity to produce more than 50 thousand fasteners per year.

On December 5th, the Portuguese João Marques Castelhano will be 80 years old. João will announce his retirement on the same date.

The life of João and Jomarca as well as his family and successors are written in a book, which he started on the 50th anniversary of the company in 2019 and completed in 2021.



Automec is Confirmed with Visitors

The biggest trade show for the auto parts sector in South America will take place on November 9-13.

With an annual GDP near US\$ 1.9 trillion, and a predicted production of more than 2.5 million automotive vehicles and 1.1 million motorcycles up to the end of December, Brazil will have two consecutive years without trade fairs.

However, Automec, the International Auto Parts, Equipment and Services Trade Show has been confirmed to take place on November 9 to 13, held in the Expo Center North pavilion, in São Paulo city, SP, according to the official Press Office.

The 15th edition of Automec perhaps is going to be the first and unique trade show in the country since 2019.

Meanwhile, the event will include some fastener companies with industrial plants and/or offices in Brazil, such as Caillau (France), Growermetal (Italy) and the Fey, Metalmatrix, Naschold and ZM.



However, as things get better with vaccination in progress, local exhibitors will form teams and book booths to participate.

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