



Understanding China's Long Steel Export Surge in Q1 2025

In early 2025, China's long steel export market has demonstrated unprecedented growth, dramatically reshaping global steel trade patterns. With export volumes breaking historical records across multiple product categories, this surge represents a significant shift in how China's steel industry balances domestic weakness with international opportunities. The ripple effects are being felt across steel markets worldwide, as Chinese products gain market share through competitive pricing and strategic production decisions.

Record-Breaking Export Volumes

China's steel export figures for Q1 2025 reveal a remarkable upward trajectory across all long steel product categories:

- **Rebar exports** reached 839,687 tonnes, representing a dramatic 112% increase from 395,596 tonnes in Q1 2024

Wire rod exports totaled 1.42 million tonnes, up 55% year-on-year from