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Brazilian Fastener Exports and Imports in Q1 2022

Fasteners	Export	Import
First Quarter 2021	US\$ 66.31 million	US\$ 457.18 million
	35,744.99 tons	98,650.51 tons
First Quarter 2022	US\$ 89.05 million	US\$ 513.00 million
	19,929.54 tons	101,556.3 tons

In the first quarter of 2022, data from the Brazil Economic Ministry has showed US\$ 513 million import value, over US\$ 457.18 million in 2021 by a little more than 101,556 tons, against 98,650 tons in 2021.

On the other hand, Brazil is not a big fastener exporter, having 2019 as its better year with US\$ 194 million in values, but just 29,6 thousand tons. However, in 2021 Brazil achieved US\$ 153 million in values, and a record in volumes at 58.6 thousand tons. From January to June, the fastener export value was US\$ 89.05 million, against US\$ 66.31 million in 2021, and 19,929 thousand tons compared with 35,744 thousand tons in 2021.

Source: www.mdic.gov.br

The only time in which Brazil imported more than US\$ 1 billion was in 2013: US\$ 1.048 billion, 191 thousand tons of fasteners in total. Last year there was expectation to surpass the import value of 2013. However, 2021 was over with just US\$ 939.9 million. That result was the better one since 2014 (US\$ 962 million/162 thousand tons), establishing a result in volumes with 205 thousand tons.

Primat Group Acquires Prosdac



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The electroplating company Primat Spa (Lecce, Italy) was founded in 1972, and became supplier to the automotive sector in 1982. After acquiring IEB Srl in 2015 and Zincatura Reggiana Srl in 2017 from the same segment, it was renamed to Primat Group, responsible for overall coordination. Primat went across 9.7 thousand kilometres from Italy to Brazil, to Jundiá, the host city of Prosdac Revestimentos Técnicos Ltda., 86 kilometres away from the state capital, S. Paulo.

Since March 2022, Primat concluded the acquisition of Prosdac, a surface treatment service company founded in 1995, one of the most traditional brands in the sector. This new Primat subsidiary has Ricardo Kikumoto, the former director of Nipra Surface Treatments, a Prosdac competitor, as local CEO.

“In addition to the 2,600 m² Prosdac plant, Primat purchased a neighbouring property, expanding a total area beyond 5 thousand m², and already with a new machine produced by Sidasa about to go into operation, which should raise the actual operating capacity to more than 2,400 tons per month by the end of 2022,” said the CEO.

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1st Metal Conformation Congress

Grupo Aprenda held the first Metal Conformation Congress (Congresso de Conformação Metálica - CCM), a meeting involving topics on metal technology. The event was held on June 14-15, 2022, at Santo André Foundation University Center, located in Santo André, a city from the metropolitan region of São Paulo, the State Capital, SP. Despite being a debut in such a cold weather, there were more than 200 people including students and academic members and, mainly, professionals from national and multinational industries.

The event included:

- 9th Forging Technology Seminar: coordinated by Dr. Mauro Moraes de Souza, Faculty of Industrial Engineering (FEI), SBC/SP.
- 4th Stamping Technology Seminar: coordinated by Dr. Gilmar Batalha, University of São Paulo (USP), SP/SP.
- 2nd Seminar on Conformation and Application of High-Performance Steels: coordinated by Dr. Jesualdo Luiz Rossi, Institute for Energy and Nuclear Research (IPEN), SP/SP.
- 2nd Welding Technologies Seminar: coordinated by MSc José Agustín Castillo Lara, Santo André Foundation (FSA), AS/SP.
- 1st Meeting of Fasteners Specialists (Fastening Systems): coordinated by Dr. Roberto Garcia (FSA).

