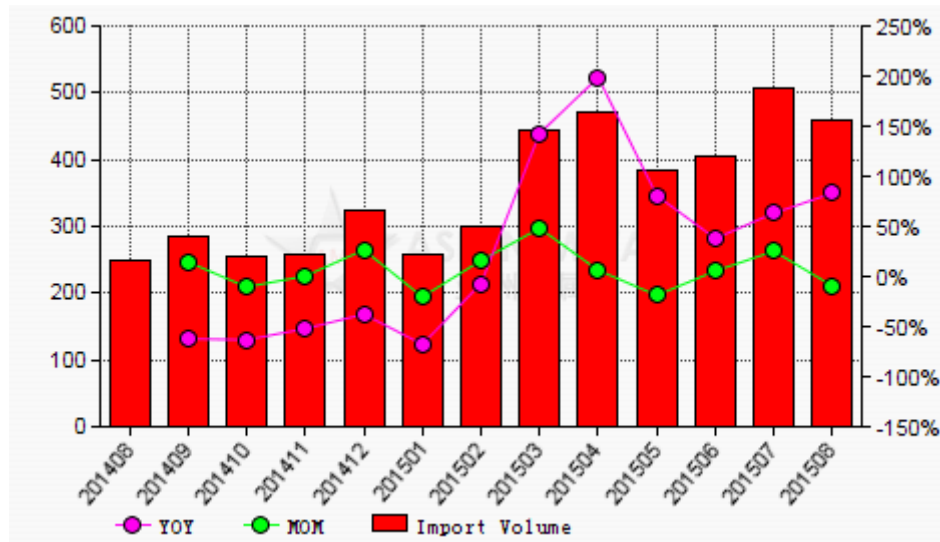


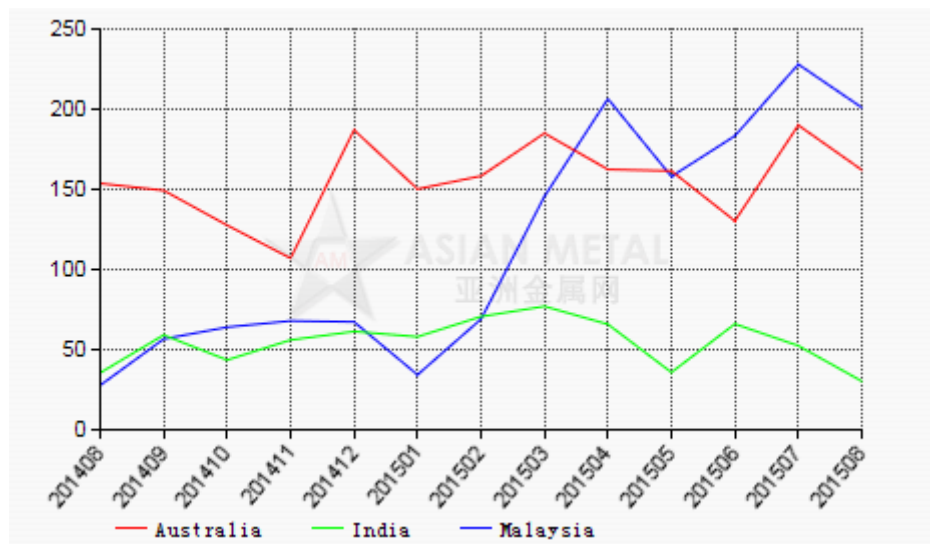
## Chinese bauxite import volumes down by 9.6% MOM in August

BEIJING (Asian Metal) 23 Sep 15 - According to China Customs, China imported around 4.58 million tonnes of bauxite in August, down by 9.6% MOM. The total import volumes from January to August were around 32.15 million tonnes, up by 28.35% YOY.



Chinese bauxite import volumes by month (10,000t)

In August, Chinese bauxite imports from Malaysia, Australia and India all slid down. We can see details by the following graph:



Chinese bauxite imports by major countries (10,000t)

The above graph shows that Malaysia remained the biggest bauxite supplier to China in August, with the figure at around 2 million tonnes, followed by Australia and India with volumes at 1.6 million tonnes and 0.3 million tonnes. In the monsoon season, Indian bauxite supply kept moving down in July and August. Although Malaysian bauxite supply declined a bit in August, the volume remained above 2 million tonnes. Many illegal mining companies are still in operation. Before the rainy season in November, Malaysian bauxite owners manage to supply more bauxite.

In August, China imported around 60,000t of bauxite from Guinea, the first ship in 2015. The price is around USD71/t CIF China.

Chinese bauxite import details in August (ton)

	August	YOY%	USD/t	Jan-Aug	YOY%
Origins	4,576,794	83.83	52.57	32,149,939	28.35
Malaysia	2,014,022	629.02	45.65	12,170,845	1,626.88
Australia	1,621,452	5.47	53.22	13,000,225	30.74
India	303,103	-13.19	63.29	4,537,231	54.66
Dominican Republic	279,129	94.72	57.55	715,257	-45.34
Brazil	239,361	110.01	73.52	684,080	8.01
Guinea	59,935	374,593,650	71.07	59,935	-67.58
Ghana	57,164	-17.83	90.96	482,391	-14.6