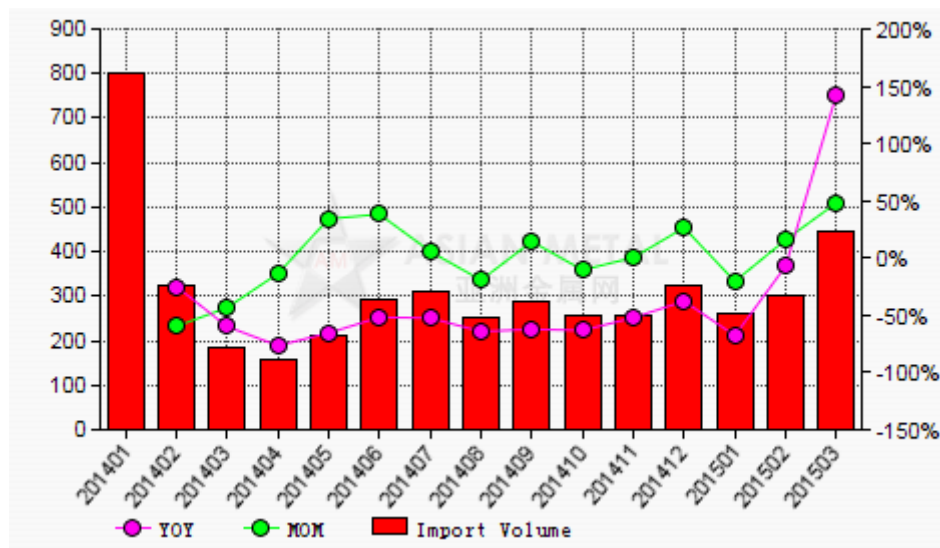
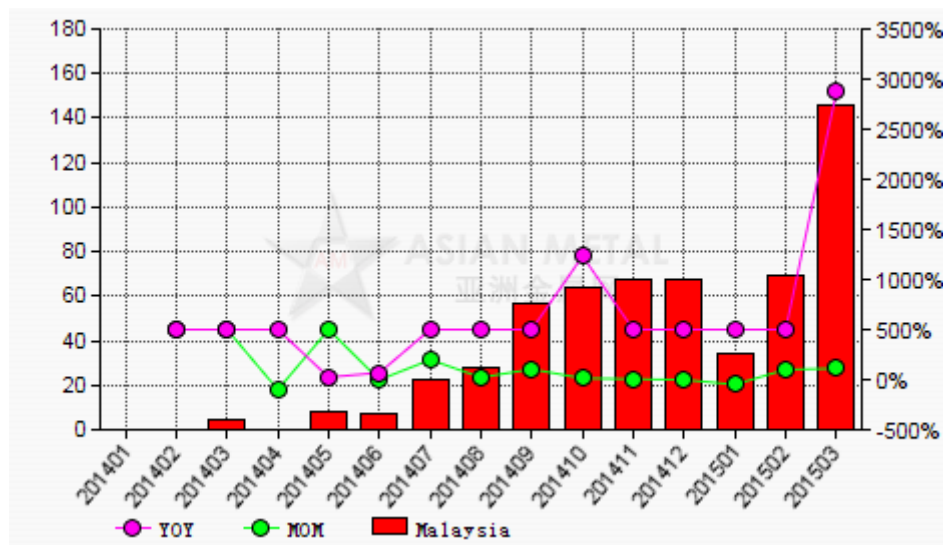


Chinese bauxite imports from Malaysia up by 111% MOM in March

BEIJING (Asian Metal) 24 Apr 15 - According to China Customs, Chinese bauxite imports from Malaysia climbed up by 111% MOM to about 1.46 million tonnes in March. Chinese total bauxite imports in March moved up by 48% MOM to around 4.44 million tonnes. In Q1, China imported about 10 million tonnes of bauxite, down by 23.3% YOY.



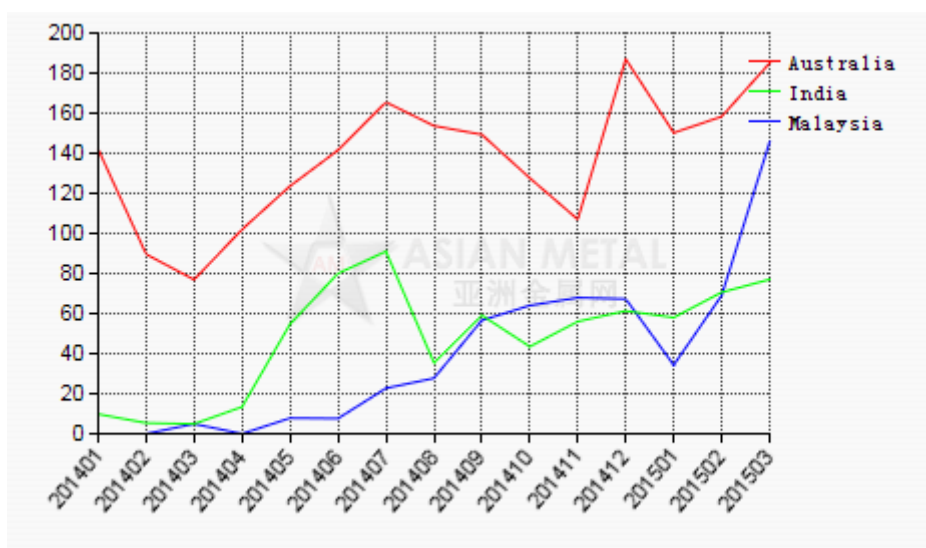
Chinese bauxite imports in total by month (10,000t)



Chinese bauxite imports from Malaysia by month (10,000t)

After Chinese Spring Festival, more and more Chinese buyers came into Malaysian bauxite market. Meanwhile, more fresh Malaysian bauxite owners began the export business. Therefore, the figure in March jumped. The Malaysian bauxite market becomes mature gradually, and Chinese bauxite imports from the country may continue to keep above 1 million tonnes in April. Actually, Malaysia exported around 2 million tonnes of bauxite to China in March, and part cargoes arrived in China or got cleared in April.

From early April, Malaysian government took strict inspection policy on bauxite trucks transportation, so many mine owners without license suspended bauxite supply, which will affect Chinese bauxite imports from Malaysia in late April and May. The problem is expected to be solved in late April.



Chinese bauxite imports from Australia, India and Malaysia by month (10,000t)

In March, Chinese bauxite imports from Australia and India climbed up by 16.9% and 8.5% MOM to around 1.85 million tonnes and 0.77 million tonnes respectively.

Chinese bauxite imports in March

	March	YOY%	USD/t	Q1	YOY%
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Total	4,443,318	144.07	55.45	10,055,650	-21.74
Origins					
Australia	1,850,949	140.75	57.39	4,935,961	60.21
Malaysia	1,456,488	2,874.49	46.8	2,489,704	4,984.55
India	770,001	1,471.93	61.56	2,056,053	923.18
Brazil	158,174	-9.54	77.37	158,174	-9.54
Ghana	104,375	-10.7	60.02	217,965	6.86
Fiji	56,950	-	51.03	107,069	-
Solomon Islands	46,381	-	68.2	87,210	-