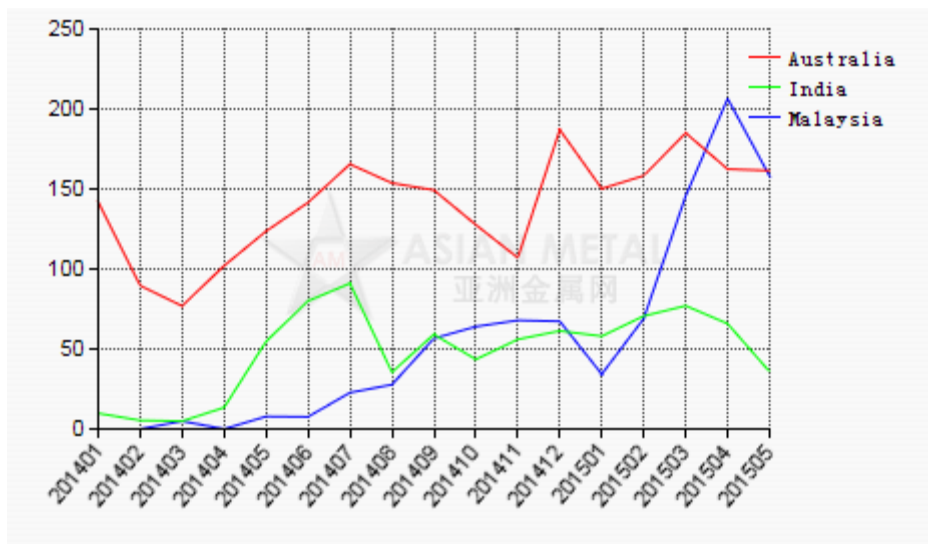


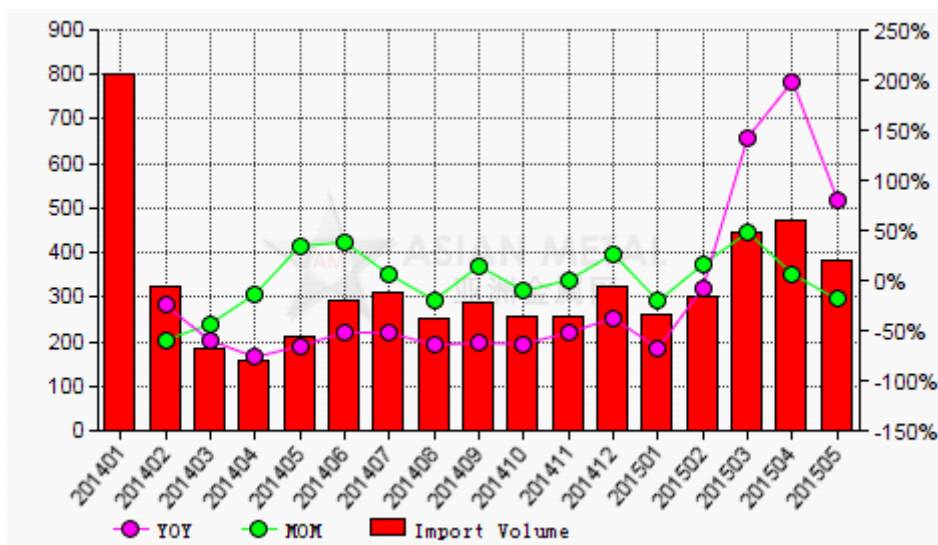
China's bauxite import volume from Malaysia down by 23.5% MOM in May

BEIJING (Asian Metal) 26 Jun 15 - According to China Customs, China imported around 1.58 million tonnes of bauxite from Malaysia in May, down by around 23.5% MOM. China imported around 6.13 million tonnes of bauxite from Malaysia from January to May in total, accounting for 33% of Chinese total bauxite imports.



China's bauxite import volume statistics by major countries by month (10,000t)

In May, Chinese total bauxite imports volume touched around 3.83 million tonnes, down by 18.8% MOM. In the first five months of 2015, the total volume reached around 18.56 million tonnes, up by 12.15% YOY.



China's bauxite import volume statistics by month (10,000t)

The bauxite import volume retreat in May was mainly attributed to the decline from Malaysia. Many illegal mining companies halted production in Malaysia because of the strict land transportation inspection, which led to bauxite supply decrease. The volume from Malaysia may continue to keep at around 1.5 million tonnes in June.

The import volume from Australia maintained stable at around 1.6 million tonnes in May. Besides, China imported some bauxite from the Dominican Republic, Ghana and Fiji. We can see details by the following table:

	May	YOY%	USD/t	Jan-May	YOY%
Bauxite	3,832,288	80.62	52.79	18,560,645	12.15
Origins					
Australia	1,614,929	30.63	56.86	8,174,861	53.21
Malaysia	1,580,805	1,925.65	47.3	6,102,303	4,704.75
India	358,277	-34.43	58.81	3,065,966	246.65
Dominican Republic	140,519	9.04	54.52	140,519	-84
Ghana	72,427	195.86	55.02	347,706	21.89
Fiji	65,268	-	45.47	172,336	-

Major Chinese bauxite importers in May

Shandong Weiqiao Pioneer Group
Chalco Qingdao
Chiping Xinfu Huayu Alumina Co., Ltd.
Yantai Jintai International Trade
Chongqing Bosai Mineral Group
Shandong Lubei Enterprises Group
Shenzhen Mingkedake Industrial Trade
Zouping Rich Imp & Exp
Qingdao Conrad Imp & Exp