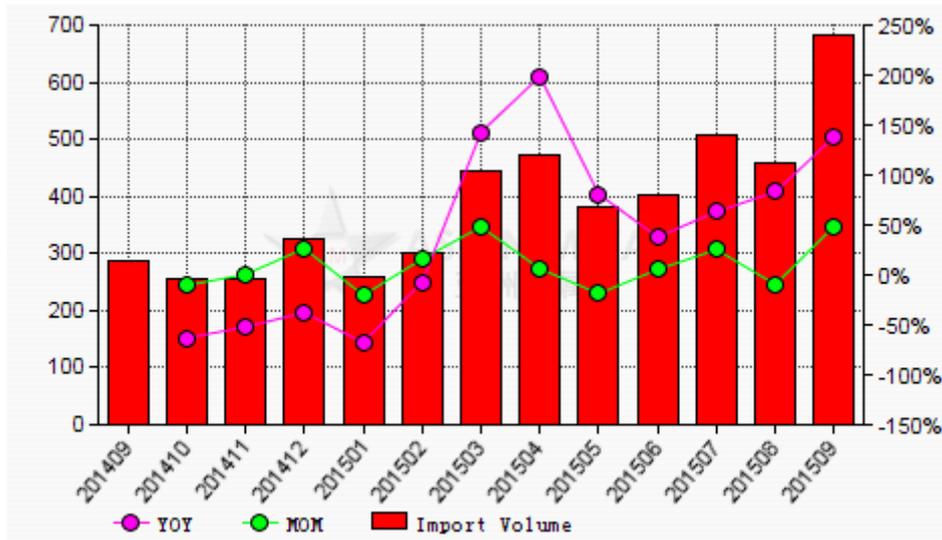


Chinese bauxite imports from Malaysia up to 15.87 million tonnes Q1-3 2015

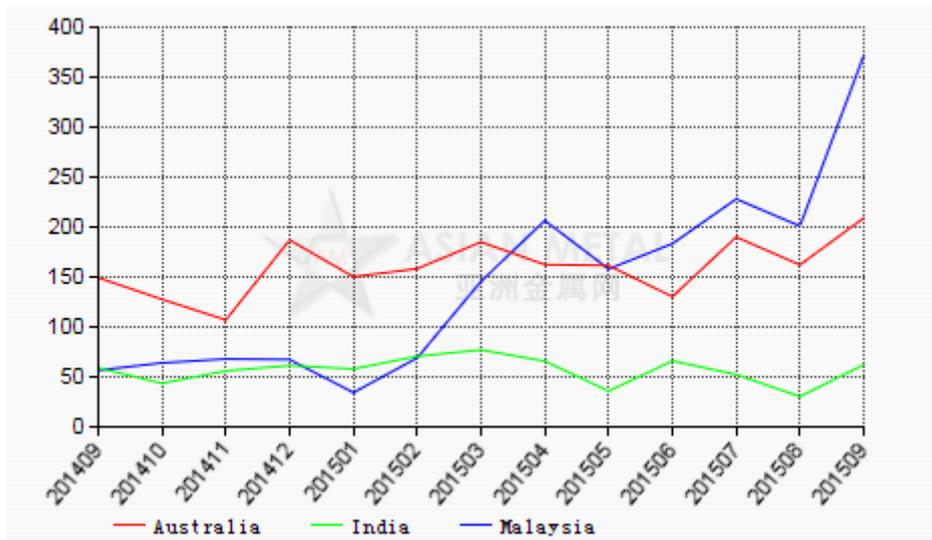
BEIJING (Asian Metal) 23 Oct 15 - According to China Customs, China imported around 15.87 million tonnes of bauxite from Malaysia during Q1 and Q3, 2015, up by 1,151% YOY. During the period, Chinese total bauxite import volumes were around 38.93 million tonnes, up by 39.52% YOY. Malaysian bauxite accounts for 40.8% of Chinese total imports during the period.

In September, China imported around 6.8 million tonnes of bauxite, up by 48.9% MOM. The volume increase was mainly attributed to Malaysian bauxite import. In September, Chinese bauxite imports from Malaysia reached 3.72 million tonnes, up by 84.5% MOM. The rainy season in Malaysia may come in late November, so Chinese importers replenished plenty of stocks in Q3. From October, some Chinese buyers reduced shipments to Malaysia for fear of port congestion and rainfall in November.



Chinese bauxite imports by month (10kt)

Besides, Chinese bauxite imports from Australia and India also climbed up respectively by 28.9% and 105% MOM to around 2.09 million tonnes and 0.62 million tonnes in September. Rainy season in India stops gradually from September, and the bauxite import from India will continue to increase in the following two months.



Chinese bauxite imports from major countries (10t)

During Q1 and Q3, Australian bauxite supply rose by 31.95% YOY to around 15.09 million tonnes, and the Indian bauxite supply moved up by 46.03% YOY to around 5.14 million tonnes.

Chinese bauxite imports in September

	Sep	YOY%	USD/t	Jan-Sep	YOY%
Bauxite	6,814,181	138.99	51.22	38,926,611	39.52
Origins					
Malaysia	3,715,680	560.24	45.97	15,866,592	1,151.74
Australia	2,089,753	39.99	53.35	15,089,978	31.95
India	622,300	5.6	63.43	5,144,550	46.03
Brazil	179,462	-	74.07	863,542	36.35
Dominican Republic	139,606	-	57.85	854,446	-34.71
Ghana	59,636	-56.42	95.55	542,026	-22.76
Vietnam	7,744	-	26.1	15,140	1,459.59
Madagascar	1	-	21	1	-