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**Assignment #3 – Get Your Time Series Data**

1. **Data Collection Methodology – state how the data is collected, by whom, how often, etc**

Data regarding the value of imports into the United States is collected U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP). The values reported are based on the declared value of the merchandise at the time of entry – this data is compiled on a monthly basis.

1. **Why does this data set intrigue you?**

This data set intrigues me because it is directly related to my function at my current job. I operate as an analyst in the International Logistics division of our company, and facilitating the importation of our product into the United States is our primary responsibility. Moreover, the level of imports into the country can be a good gauge to measure the condition of the economy and market behavior.