

# **FOREWORD**

Herewith is presented the section of the Steel Products Manual covering Stainless Steels. It is the purpose of the Steel Products Manual to make available to purchasers, producers, and consumers information covering the major steel products.

The information contained in each section of the Steel Products Manual substantially represents the manufacturing practices and related scientific and technical information of steel producers. These practices have evolved from the utilization of available raw materials and manufacturing methods to produce steel products to meet the requirements of purchasers' specifications and standards.

The various sections of the Steel Products Manual primarily concern the manufacturing and testing of steel products, product properties and applications, commodity descriptions, dimensional tolerances, weight tolerances, inspection, sampling, chemical analysis and standards and specifications prepared by others which are pertinent to the identified steel products. The sections are revised from time to time and other sections may be issued.

It is hoped that the Steel Products Manual will be of service to consumers and producers of steel products, to professors of engineering and their students and to the general public. Comments, suggestions and criticism from any source are welcome and may be addressed to the Association for Iron & Steel Technology, 186 Thorn Hill Road, Warrendale, PA 15086-7528.