

**HEAVYWEIGHT MOTORCYCLES:
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(COVERING SECOND QUARTER
OF 1986) ON SELECTED
ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

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Highlights

The following are highlights of the economic data collected on the heavyweight motorcycle industry for the second quarter of 1986, compared with data collected for the second quarter of 1985. Since most data obtained by the Commission regarding the domestic heavyweight motorcycle industry are business confidential (even in the aggregate), little information concerning the domestic industry is available in the public report.

- o U.S. production of heavyweight motorcycles decreased to 23,803 units during April-June 1986 from 24,970 units during April-June 1985, or by 4.7 percent (table 1). U.S. shipments of heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 22,858 units, during April-June 1985 to 22,357 units, during April-June 1986. Retail sales and dealers' inventories decreased during April-June 1986, compared with the corresponding period of 1985, while export values increased.
- o The average unit net selling price for U.S.-produced heavyweight motorcycles increased from \$4,213 during April-June 1985, to \$5,160 during April-June 1986.
- o Total employment decreased from 3,115 workers as of June 1985 to 2,957 workers as of June 1986, and total hours worked by production and related workers decreased in June 1986, compared with the same period in 1985.
- o U.S. imports of heavyweight motorcycles decreased to 11,704 units in the second quarter of 1986 compared with 12,372 units in the second quarter of 1985, or by 5.4 percent.
- o U.S. shipments of imported heavyweight motorcycles fell from 25,205 units in April-June 1985, to 12,628 units in April-June 1986, or by 49.9 percent (table 2).
- o U.S. importers' retail sales of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 38,911 units in April-June 1985, to 25,653 units in April-June 1986, or by 34.1 percent (table 3).
- o Combined importers' and dealers' inventories of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 101,748 units as of June 30, 1985, to 57,743 units as of June 30, 1986, or by 43.2 percent (tables 4 and 5).

Table 1.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. production,
April–June 1985, and April–June 1986

(In units)

| Period | Quantity |
|----------------------|----------|
| April–June 1985..... | 24,970 |
| April–June 1986..... | 23,803 |

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 2.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. import shipments,
April–June 1985, and April–June 1986

(Quantity in units; value in thousands of dollars)

| Period | Quantity | Value |
|----------------------|----------|---------|
| April–June 1985..... | 25,205 | 102,607 |
| April–June 1986..... | 12,628 | 53,532 |

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 3.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' retail sales, by
engine sizes, April–June 1985, and April–June 1986

(In units)

| Item | April– June 1985 | April– June 1986 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Over 700 cc. but not over 790 cc..... | 18,602 | 9,416 |
| Over 790 cc. but not over 970 cc..... | 6,240 | 2,801 |
| Over 970 cc..... | 14,029 | 13,436 |
| Total..... | 38,911 | 25,653 |

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 4.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' end-of-period inventories, by engine sizes, June 30, 1985, and June 30, 1986

(In units)

| Item | June 30, 1985 | June 30, 1986 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc..... | 14,503 | 4,756 |
| Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc..... | 10,350 | 2,748 |
| Over 970 cc..... | 11,376 | 10,105 |
| Total..... | 36,229 | 17,609 |

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 5.—Heavyweight motorcycles: Dealers' end-of-period inventories of imported motorcycles, by engine sizes, June 30, 1985, and June 30, 1986

(In units)

| Item | June 30, 1985 | June 30, 1986 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc..... | 33,802 | 14,673 |
| Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc..... | 5,527 | 3,175 |
| Over 970 cc..... | 26,190 | 22,286 |
| Total..... | 65,519 | 40,134 |

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

