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**STAINLESS-STEEL TABLE FLATWARE**

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REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT

U.S. Tariff Commission  
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To the President:

This report is made pursuant to section 351(d)(1) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (76 Stat. 900), which provides that--

So long as any increase in, or imposition of, any duty or other import restriction pursuant to this section or pursuant to section 7 of the Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1951 remains in effect, the Tariff Commission shall keep under review developments with respect to the industry concerned, and shall make annual reports to the President concerning such developments.

Introduction

The industry with which this report is concerned is that engaged in the production of table flatware (knives, forks, and spoons) of stainless steel. The present report marks the seventh anniversary of the effective date (Nov. 1, 1959) of Presidential Proclamation No. 3323 (3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 56), which (following an "escape-clause" investigation by the Tariff Commission under sec. 7 of the Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1951) increased the duties on imports of such flatware, not over 10.2 inches in length and valued under \$3 per dozen pieces, when imported in excess of a tariff quota of 69 million single units in any 12-month period beginning November 1.

This report also marks the first anniversary of the effective date of Presidential Proclamation No. 3697 (31 F.R. 423), dated Jan. 7, 1966,

but retroactive to Nov. 1, 1965, which (following a Tariff Commission investigation under sec. 351(d)(5) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 and report pursuant to sec. 351(d)(2) of the act) enlarged the tariff quota to 84 million single units of the value and dimension previously specified, and reduced the duties applicable to imports in excess of the quota. This action fell short of completely restoring the trade-agreement rates that had been in effect before the escape-clause action; consequently, the Tariff Commission is required to submit an annual review at this time, as before. However, the trade-agreement rates will be automatically restored on October 12, 1967, by operation of the provisions of section 351(c)(1)(B) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, unless the escape-clause restrictions are extended under section 351(c)(2) of the act. 1/ Accordingly, unless an extension of the escape-clause treatment pursuant to section 351(c)(1)(B) occurs, this report will be the last report with respect to stainless-steel flatware under section 351(d)(1) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.

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1/ Sec. 351(c)(2) authorizes the President to extend duty increases or quotas established under the escape-clause procedure if he determines it to be in the national interest, but only after seeking advice of the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Labor and after taking into account the advice received from the Tariff Commission under sec. 351(d)(3) of the act, which reads as follows:

Upon petition on behalf of the industry concerned, filed with the Tariff Commission not earlier than the date which is 9 months, and not later than the date which is 6 months, before the date any increase or imposition referred to in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (c) is to terminate by reason of the expiration of the applicable period prescribed in paragraph (1) or an extension thereof under paragraph (2), the Tariff Commission shall advise the President of its judgment as to the probable economic effect on such industry of such termination.

The previous reports of the Tariff Commission to the President on the subject of stainless-steel table flatware are listed below:

<u>Date of report</u>	<u>Authority</u>	<u>Nature of report</u>
Jan. 10, 1958	Sec. 7, Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1951.	Unanimous finding of injury. Three Commissioners recommended that the pre-trade-agreement rates of duty be restored for ware valued under \$3 per dozen; three recommended restoration of the pre-trade-agreement rates regardless of value.
Jan. 31, 1958	Do.	Memorandum to the President explaining that all Commissioners intended to limit their recommendation for increased duties to flatware 10 inches or less in overall length.
July 24, 1959	Do.	Supplementary report in response to the President's request of Mar. 7, 1958.
Nov. 1, 1961	Executive Order 10401	First annual review of developments, on second anniversary of President's escape-clause action.
Nov. 1, 1962	Executive Order 10401, and sec. 351(d)(1), Trade Expansion Act of 1962.	Second annual review; third anniversary of escape-clause action.
Nov. 1, 1963	Sec. 351(d)(1)	Third annual review; fourth anniversary of escape-clause action.
Apr. 14, 1965	Sec. 351(d)(1) and sec. 351(d)(2).	Advice regarding probable economic effect of reducing or terminating escape-clause action, requested by the President on June 23, 1964.

Recent developments

The demand for stainless-steel flatware in the United States continued to increase in 1965 and 1966. The producers increased their sales, expanded their capacity, and improved their productivity. Imports, though restricted by a tariff quota, also increased. The President enlarged the quota and reduced the duties applicable to imports of quota-type ware in excess of the quota, effective November 1, 1965. The enlarged quota was practically filled within a few days of the President's proclamation, and imports of quota-type ware in excess of the quota increased significantly compared with such imports in earlier years.

The Tariff Commission's report of April 14, 1965, envisaged an increase for several years in sales of stainless-steel flatware in the United States. Its outlook was determined largely by the projections of population growth, composition by age groups, and probable number of marriages as forecast by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, and the trend toward higher personal income. The Commission also noted the growing acceptance of stainless steel as a preferred material for knives, forks, and spoons for both home and institutional use.

The actual increase in total annual sales of stainless flatware thus far has been somewhat greater than the Commission's projections. Continuing the trend of many years, apparent consumption increased from 29 million dozen pieces in 1963 to 34 million dozen in 1964 and 36 million dozen in 1965. <sup>1/</sup> Available data indicate a further increase in consumption in 1966.

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<sup>1/</sup> Data for 1963 and 1964 have been revised since the Commission's report of Apr. 14, 1965.

In its 1965 report the Commission estimated that sales of domestic as well as those of imported stainless flatware would probably continue to increase, even if the trade-agreement rates of duty were fully restored. The statistics on imports in this report reflect a situation in which liberalization of trade restrictions affected only the last few months of the period under review. Under these conditions the share of the total quantity of stainless flatware sales in the United States supplied by imports (both quota and nonquota types) declined from 24 percent in 1963 to 22 percent in 1964 but increased to 25 percent in 1965. The share of the total value supplied by imports was much less.

Imports of quota-type ware in excess of the quota amounted to less than 250,000 dozen pieces per quota year prior to November 1, 1965, but they increased to an estimated 700,000 dozen pieces, or about 10 percent of the total imports of quota-type flatware, in the quota year 1965-66, when the duties on such imports were reduced by about one-third to two-thirds from their former level.

Prior to 1965 Japan supplied approximately 90 percent, and Europe the remainder, of U.S. imports of stainless-steel table flatware. Beginning in 1965 Hong Kong and Taiwan also became important suppliers, and Japan's share declined to about three-fourths of the total imports. The Japanese Government continued to maintain quantitative controls on exports of stainless-steel flatware.

Sales of stainless flatware produced in the United States were 23 percent greater in 1965 than in 1963 in terms of quantity and

33 percent greater in terms of value. Sales further increased in the first half of 1966. Export sales continued to be equal to about 1 percent of total sales. In addition to increasing their sales of stainless-steel flatware in 1965, the U.S. producers were able to reverse the downward trend of several years in their sales of silver-plated and sterling silver flatware.

The estimated average number of production and related workers engaged in the manufacture of stainless-steel flatware was 17 percent greater in 1965 than in 1963 and greater still in the first 6 months of 1966. The average quantity of flatware produced per man-hour increased from 3.6 dozen pieces in 1963 to 3.9 dozen in 1965 and January-June 1966. Total wages paid were 36 percent greater in 1965 than in 1963, and the average hourly wages were 13 percent greater.



**Appendix**

Table 1.--U.S. rates of duty under the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) on stainless-steel knives, forks, and spoons <sup>1/</sup>

TSUS item	TSUS appendix item <sup>2/</sup>	Article	Rate applicable before:		Rate applicable after quota is filled		
			Statutory rate <sup>3/</sup>	Trade-agreement rate <sup>4/</sup>	In effect from Aug. 31, 1963, to Oct. 31, 1965	In effect beginning Nov. 1, 1965	Applicable to products of Communist countries
		Knives, forks, and spoons with stainless-steel handles:					
		Knives and forks:					
650.09	927.50	With handles not containing nickel and not containing					
650.39	927.53	over 10 percent by weight of					
651.75 <sup>5/</sup>	927.60	manganese:					
		Not over 10.2 inches in over-all length and valued at less than 25 cents each.	2¢ each + 45% ad val.	1¢ each + 12.5% ad val.	3¢ each + 67.5% ad val. <sup>6/</sup>	3¢ each + 15% ad val. <sup>7/</sup>	3¢ each + 15% ad val. but not less than 2¢ each + 45% ad val. <sup>8/</sup>
		Other <sup>9/</sup> -----	2¢ each + 45% ad val.	1¢ each + 12.5% ad val.	10/	10/	10/
650.11	927.51	With handles containing nickel					
650.41	927.53	or containing over 10 percent					
651.75 <sup>5/</sup>	927.61	by weight of manganese:					
		Not over 10.2 inches in over-all length and valued at less than 25 cents each.	2¢ each + 45% ad val.	1¢ each + 17.5% ad val.	3¢ each + 67.5% ad val. <sup>6/</sup>	3¢ each + 20% ad val. <sup>7/</sup>	3¢ each + 20% ad val. but not less than 2¢ each + 45% ad val. <sup>8/</sup>
		Other <sup>9/</sup> -----	2¢ each + 45% ad val.	1¢ each + 17.5% ad val.	10/	10/	10/
650.55	927.52	Spoons:					
651.75 <sup>5/</sup>	927.54	Not over 10.2 inches in over-all length and valued at less than 25 cents each.	40% ad val.	17% ad val.	60% ad val. <sup>6/</sup>	40% ad val. <sup>7/</sup>	40% ad val. <sup>8/</sup>
	927.62	Other <sup>9/</sup> -----	40% ad val.	17% ad val.	10/	10/	10/

<sup>1/</sup> The TSUS came into effect on Aug. 31, 1963.

<sup>2/</sup> TSUS appendix items provide or provided for the imposition of tariff quotas on certain stainless-steel flatware. Items 927.53 and 927.54 were in effect from Aug. 31, 1963, to Oct. 31, 1965, and items 927.60, 927.61, and 927.62 became effective Nov. 1, 1965. Items 927.50, 927.51, and 927.52 have been in effect since Aug. 31, 1963. The initial tariff quotas specified in the appendix to the TSUS had been in effect since Nov. 1, 1959 (see table 2).

<sup>3/</sup> Applicable to imports from countries or areas designated as Communist dominated or controlled.

<sup>4/</sup> Applicable to imports from all countries except those designated as Communist dominated or controlled and except imports from the Republic of the Philippines.

<sup>5/</sup> Each set of 2 or more articles containing 1 or more articles of flatware, is dutiable at the rate of duty applicable to the article in the set subject to the highest rate of duty.

<sup>6/</sup> Applicable to imports from non-Communist (except the Philippines) and Communist countries after an aggregate quantity of 69 million single units of knives, forks, and spoons with stainless-steel handles, valued under 25 cents each, and not over 10.2 inches in over-all length had been entered in any 12-month period beginning Nov. 1 in any year from countries subject to the trade-agreement rates.

<sup>7/</sup> Applicable to imports from other than designated Communist countries and the Republic of the Philippines after an aggregate quantity of 84 million single units of knives, forks, and spoons with stainless-steel handles, valued under 25 cents each, and not over 10.2 inches in over-all length, has been entered in the periods Nov. 1, 1965-Oct. 31, 1966, and Nov. 1, 1966-Oct. 31, 1967, from countries subject to the trade-agreement rates.

<sup>8/</sup> Applicable to imports from designated Communist countries after the quota has been filled by imports from countries subject to the trade-agreement rates.

<sup>9/</sup> These articles are not subject to quota.

<sup>10/</sup> Not applicable.

Table 2.--Stainless-steel table flatware: U.S. rates of duty under the Tariff Act of 1930  
(old schedule, superseded Aug. 31, 1963)

Tariff paragraph and description	(Cents each; percent ad valorem)		
	Tariff Act of 1930		
	Statutory rate <u>1/</u>	Trade-agreement modification	
	Rate	Effective date and trade agreement <u>2/</u>	
Par. 339:			
Table, household, kitchen, and hospital utensils, and hollow or flat ware, not specially provided for: * * * composed wholly or in chief value of copper, brass, steel, or other base metal, not plated with platinum, gold, or silver, and not specially provided for:			
Table spoons wholly of metal and in chief value of stainless steel, not over 10.2 inches in overall length and valued at less than \$3 per dozen pieces.	40%	20% 19% 18% 17% <u>3/</u> 60% <u>3/</u>	Jan. 1, 1948. June 30, 1956. June 30, 1957. June 30, 1958. Nov. 1, 1959. <u>3/</u>
Par. 355:			
Table, butchers', carving, cooks', hunting, kitchen, bread, cake, pie, slicing, cigar, butter, vegetable, fruit, cheese, canning, fish, carpenters' bench, curriers', drawing, farriers', fleshing, hay, sugar-beet, beet-topping, tanners', plumbers', painters', palette, artists', shoe, and similar knives, forks, and steels, and cleavers, all the foregoing, finished or unfinished, not specially provided for * * * :			
Not specially designed for other than household, kitchen, or butchers' use:			
Table knives and forks, wholly of metal and in chief value of stainless steel, not over 10.2 inches in overall length and valued at less than \$3 per dozen pieces, with handles of--			
Austenitic steel:			
Less than 4 inches in length, exclusive of handle.	2¢ + 45%	2¢ + 35% 2¢ + 17-1/2% 1¢ + 17-1/2% <u>3/</u> 3¢ + 67-1/2% <u>3/</u>	Jan. 1, 1939; United Kingdom. Jan. 1, 1948. July 7, 1951. Nov. 1, 1959. <u>3/</u>
4 inches in length or over, exclusive of handle.	8¢ + 45%	8¢ + 35% 8¢ + 35% <u>4/</u> 4¢ + 17-1/2% <u>3/</u> 12¢ + 67-1/2% <u>3/</u>	Jan. 1, 1939; United Kingdom. Jan. 1, 1948. Oct. 1, 1951. Nov. 1, 1959. <u>3/</u>
Steel, other than austenitic:			
Less than 4 inches in length, exclusive of handle.	2¢ + 45%	2¢ + 25% 2¢ + 25% <u>4/</u> 2¢ + 12-1/2% 1¢ + 12-1/2% <u>3/</u> 3¢ + 67-1/2% <u>3/</u>	Jan. 1, 1939; United Kingdom. Jan. 1, 1948. May 30, 1950. Oct. 1, 1951. Nov. 1, 1959. <u>3/</u>
4 inches in length or over, exclusive of handle.	8¢ + 45%	4¢ + 25% 4¢ + 25% <u>4/</u> 4¢ + 17-1/2% <u>3/</u> 12¢ + 67-1/2% <u>3/</u>	Jan. 1, 1939; United Kingdom. Jan. 1, 1948. Oct. 1, 1951. Nov. 1, 1959. <u>3/</u>

1/ Applicable to the products of Communist-dominated or Communist-controlled countries or areas which are designated as such by the President.

2/ General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, unless otherwise indicated.

3/ Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 3323, dated Oct. 20, 1959, the higher of the 2 rates to which this footnote is attached was made applicable during any 12-month period beginning Nov. 1, 1959, and in each subsequent year, after a total aggregate quantity of 69 million single units of table spoons described under par. 339, and of table knives and table forks described under par. 355, had been entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption; until the total aggregate quantity of the designated units had been entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, during any 12-month period designated above, the lower rate of duty was applicable.

4/ Bound.

Note.--Stainless-steel table flatware, wholly of metal and in chief value of stainless steel, over 10.2 inches in overall length or valued at \$3 or more per dozen pieces (nonquota-type flatware), was dutiable at the same rates of duty as the quota-type flatware entered within the quota limits.

Table 3.--Stainless-steel table flatware: U.S. rates of duty in effect from Aug. 31, 1963-Oct. 31, 1965, U.S. imports for consumption, Nov. 1, 1964-Oct. 31, 1965, and average ad valorem equivalents of the rates of duty in effect based on those imports, by type of flatware,  $\frac{1}{2}$  total all countries, Japan, and Europe

Description	Rate of duty in effect from Aug. 31, 1963-Oct. 31, 1965	Nov. 1, 1964-Oct. 31, 1965, imports for consumption $\frac{2}{2}$ from--				Average ad valorem equivalents of the rates of duty $\frac{3}{3}$ based on imports from--							
		All sources		Japan		Europe		All sources		Japan		Europe	
		Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value
	Cents each, percent ad valorem	1,000 dozen pieces	1,000 dollars	1,000 dozen pieces	1,000 dollars	1,000 dozen pieces	1,000 dollars	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	
Quota-type:													
Spoons:													
Imported within the quota	17%	1,634	1,349	1,368	1,167	21	29	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	
Imported in excess of the quota	60% $\frac{4}{4}$	172	176	123	127	24	29	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	
Knives and forks:													
With handles of austenitic (nickel) steel:													
Knives:													
Imported within the quota	14 + 17.5%	3	2	1	1	-	-	35.5	35.5	29.7	29.7	-	
Imported in excess of the quota	34 + 67.5% $\frac{4}{4}$	1	1	1	1	-	-	84.6	84.6	84.6	84.6	-	
Forks:													
Imported within the quota	14 + 17.5%	12	13	11	12	1	1	28.6	28.6	29.0	29.0	24.2	
Imported in excess of the quota	34 + 67.5% $\frac{4}{4}$	5	1	-	-	5	6	85.2	85.2	-	-	82.7	
With handles of nonaustenitic (chrome) steel:													
Knives:													
Imported within the quota	14 + 12.5%	741	1,177	720	1,148	7	10	20.1	20.1	20.0	20.0	21.3	
Imported in excess of the quota	34 + 67.5% $\frac{4}{4}$	62	100	53	85	1	2	90.0	90.0	89.8	89.8	94.7	
Forks:													
Imported within the quota	14 + 12.5%	902	824	756	705	6	9	25.6	25.6	25.4	25.4	20.0	
Imported in excess of the quota	34 + 67.5% $\frac{4}{4}$	118	126	81	87	21	25	101.4	101.4	101.0	101.0	97.5	
Nonquota-type:													
Spoons:													
With handles of austenitic (nickel) steel	17%	176	641	92	218	83	416	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	
With handles of nonaustenitic (chrome) steel	14 + 17.5%	26	206	4	12	21	192	19.0	19.0	21.4	21.4	18.8	
Forks:													
With handles of austenitic (nickel) steel	14 + 17.5%	44	222	5	11	39	210	19.9	19.9	22.9	22.9	19.7	
With handles of nonaustenitic (chrome) steel	14 + 12.5%	60	220	47	153	12	65	15.8	15.8	16.2	16.2	14.6	

1/ Not including flatware imported in sets, which is dutiable at the rate of duty applicable to that article in the set subject to the highest rate of duty.  
2/ Preliminary.  
3/ Calculated from the unrounded figures.  
4/ The rate of duty which was effective when a total aggregate quantity of 69 million single units of knives, forks, and spoons valued under 25 cents each, not over 10.2 inches in overall length, and with stainless-steel handles, was entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during any 12-month period beginning Nov. 1 in any year prior to Nov. 1, 1965.  
5/ Less than 500 dozen pieces.  
6/ Less than \$500.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 4.--Stainless-steel table flatware: U.S. rates of duty in effect beginning Nov. 1, 1965, U.S. imports for consumption, Nov. 1, 1965-Aug. 31, 1966, and average ad valorem equivalents of the rates of duty in effect based on those imports, by type of flatware, 1/ total all countries, Japan, and Europe

Description	Rate of duty in effect from Nov. 1, 1965		Nov. 1, 1965-Aug. 31, 1966, imports for consumption <u>2/</u> from--						Average ad valorem equivalents of the rates of duty <u>3/</u> based on imports from--					
	Cents each, percent ad valorem		All sources		Japan		Europe		All sources		Japan		Europe	
	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value
	1,000 dozen pieces	1,000 dollars	1,000 dozen pieces	1,000 dollars	1,000 dozen pieces	1,000 dollars	1,000 dozen pieces	1,000 dollars	1,000 dozen pieces	1,000 dollars	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Quota-type:														
Spoons:														
Imported within the quota	1,640	1,406	1,344	1,199	15	21	17.0							
Imported in excess of the quota	461	367	400	325	6	12	40.0							
Knives and forks:														
With handles of austenitic (nickel) steel:														
Knives:														
Imported within the quota	1	3	1	3	-	-	22.0							
Imported in excess of the quota	6	49	4	7	1	2	40.5							
Forks:														
Imported within the quota	30	37	15	19	8	13	27.3							
Imported in excess of the quota	13	14	12	13	5/	6/	54.3							
With handles of nonaustenitic (chrome) steel:														
Knives:														
Imported within the quota	901	1,499	801	1,354	14	20	19.7							
Imported in excess of the quota	176	290	156	262	1	1	36.9							
Forks:														
Imported within the quota	1,143	1,082	915	918	2	3	25.2							
Imported in excess of the quota	142	143	109	115	4	6	50.7							
Nonquota-type:														
Spoons:														
Imported within the quota	246	661	157	260	88	399	17.0							
Knives:														
With handles of austenitic (nickel) steel	24	170	8	28	15	138	19.2							
With handles of nonaustenitic (chrome) steel	253	851	188	539	59	301	16.1							
Forks:														
Imported within the quota	42	212	7	20	35	191	19.9							
Imported in excess of the quota	63	200	47	130	14	68	16.3							

1/ Not including flatware imported in sets, which is dutiable at the rate of duty applicable to that article in the set subject to the highest rate of duty.  
2/ Preliminary.  
3/ Calculated from the unrounded figures.  
4/ The rate of duty which was effective when a total aggregate quantity of 84 million single units of knives, forks, and spoons valued under 25 cents each, not over 10.2 inches in overall length, and with stainless-steel handles, was entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during any 12-month period beginning Nov. 1, 1965.  
5/ Less than 500 dozen pieces.  
6/ Less than \$500.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Note.--For the purposes of this table it was assumed that quota-type stainless-steel table flatware entered for consumption in excess of the quota during November and December 1965 was affected by the retroactive provision of Presidential Proclamation No. 3697 and became dutiable at the trade-agreement rates of duty.

Table 5.--Stainless-steel table flatware: Production and sales by U.S. manufacturers, U.S. imports for consumption, and apparent consumption, 1951-65, January-June 1965, and January-June 1966

Period	U.S. production <sup>1/</sup>	Sales by U.S. manufacturers		Imports for consumption <sup>2/</sup>	Apparent consumption <sup>3/</sup>	Ratio of imports to--	
		Total	Exports			Apparent consumption	U.S. production
						Percent	Percent
	<u>1,000</u> <u>dozen</u> <u>pieces</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>dozen</u> <u>pieces</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>dozen</u> <u>pieces</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>dozen</u> <u>pieces</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>dozen</u> <u>pieces</u>		
1951-----	11,893	11,379	208	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
1952-----	9,304	9,306	203	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
1953-----	11,020	10,827	147	883	11,563	7.6	8.0
1954-----	11,051	10,800	97	1,347	12,050	11.2	12.2
1955-----	14,848	14,654	144	3,571	18,081	19.8	24.1
1956-----	14,695	14,392	82	7,999	22,309	35.9	54.4
1957-----	13,079	13,207	82	10,600	23,725	44.7	81.0
1958-----	15,030	14,887	1,292	9,180	22,775	40.3	61.1
1959-----	18,480	18,594	327	8,950	27,217	32.9	48.4
1960-----	19,332	18,654	191	<u>5/</u> 10,900	<u>5/</u> 29,363	<u>5/</u> 37.1	<u>5/</u> 56.4
1961-----	18,467	18,877	212	4,755	<u>5/</u> 23,420	<u>5/</u> 20.3	<u>5/</u> 25.7
1962-----	21,339	21,089	178	5,163	26,074	19.8	24.2
1963-----	21,366	22,100	231	<u>6/</u> 6,860	<u>6/</u> 28,729	<u>6/</u> 23.9	<u>6/</u> 32.1
1964-----	27,862	26,729	267	<u>6/7/</u> 7,339	<u>6/</u> 33,801	<u>6/</u> 21.7	<u>6/</u> 26.3
1965-----	27,409	27,210	334	<u>6/7/</u> 8,880	<u>6/</u> 35,756	<u>6/</u> 24.8	<u>6/</u> 32.4
January-June--							
1965-----	13,984	12,940	157	<u>6/7/</u> 2,957	<u>6/</u> 15,740	<u>6/</u> 18.8	<u>6/</u> 21.1
1966-----	14,840	14,567	234	<u>6/7/</u> 1,781	<u>6/</u> 16,114	<u>6/</u> 11.1	<u>6/</u> 12.0

<sup>1/</sup> Partly estimated from sales data for a few manufacturers.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes an estimate for a small amount of imports in the years 1953-58.

<sup>3/</sup> Sales of domestically produced flatware plus imports less exports.

<sup>4/</sup> Not available.

<sup>5/</sup> The high figure for imports in 1960 is attributable primarily to the entry in that year of most of the imports permissible within the quota in the first and second quota years. As a result, the figures for apparent consumption and the ratios of imports to apparent consumption and to production for 1960 and 1961 are of only qualified significance.

<sup>6/</sup> Data for 1963 and 1964 are revised. Data do not include imports in sets of nonquota-type stainless-steel table flatware beginning Aug. 31, 1963, because they are not reported separately under TSUS. Such imports are known to be negligible.

<sup>7/</sup> Preliminary.

Source: Compiled from information submitted to the U.S. Tariff Commission by the producers and importers, and from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 6.--Stainless-steel table flatware: U.S. manufacturers' inventories of finished flatware, and net sales, 1951-65, January-June 1965, and January-June 1966

Period	Inventories at end of period <sup>1/</sup>		Net sales		
	Quantity	Ratio to net sales	Quantity	F.o.b. factory value	Average value per dozen pieces
	<u>1,000</u> <u>dozen</u> <u>pieces</u>	Percent	<u>1,000</u> <u>dozen</u> <u>pieces</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>dollars</u>	
1951-----	1,160	10.2	11,379	20,140	\$1.77
1952-----	1,131	12.2	9,306	16,830	1.81
1953-----	1,309	12.1	10,827	19,723	1.82
1954-----	1,548	14.3	10,800	20,688	1.92
1955-----	1,699	11.6	14,654	28,323	1.93
1956-----	2,009	14.0	14,392	31,241	2.17
1957-----	1,525	11.5	13,207	29,626	2.24
1958-----	2,035	13.7	14,887	31,554	2.12
1959-----	2,050	11.0	18,594	38,515	2.07
1960-----	2,802	15.0	18,654	39,163	2.10
1961-----	2,465	13.1	18,877	40,522	2.15
1962-----	2,796	13.3	21,089	43,276	2.05
1963-----	2,242	10.1	22,100	47,084	2.13
1964-----	3,388	12.7	26,729	59,709	2.23
1965-----	3,602	13.2	27,210	62,668	2.30
January-June--					
1965-----	4,296	<sup>2/</sup>	12,940	28,951	2.24
1966-----	3,897	<sup>2/</sup>	14,567	32,143	2.21

<sup>1/</sup> Includes an estimate (less than 1 percent of the total in any year) derived from data on production and sales.

<sup>2/</sup> Ratios are not meaningful based on data for 6 months.

Source: Compiled from information submitted to the U.S. Tariff Commission by the producers.

Table 7.--Table flatware: Sales of all types of table flatware produced in U.S. establishments in which stainless-steel table flatware is produced, 1951-65, January-June 1965, and January-June 1966 <sup>1/</sup>

(In thousands of dozen pieces)

Period	Stainless steel	Silver plated	Sterling silver	Other <sup>2/</sup>	Total, all kinds
1951-----	11,379	15,763	993	2,211	30,346
1952-----	9,306	11,824	922	1,572	23,624
1953-----	10,827	12,957	1,285	1,920	26,989
1954-----	10,800	12,284	994	1,281	25,359
1955-----	14,654	10,946	1,034	1,255	27,889
1956-----	14,392	9,547	1,024	1,204	26,167
1957-----	13,207	6,748	857	1,439	22,251
1958-----	14,887	6,478	782	1,601	23,748
1959-----	18,594	6,971	822	704	27,091
1960-----	18,654	5,792	798	497	25,741
1961-----	18,877	5,233	802	411	25,323
1962-----	21,089	4,691	654	443	26,877
1963-----	22,100	4,805	497	378	27,780
1964-----	26,729	4,626	472	<sup>3/</sup> 510	32,337
1965-----	27,210	5,211	578	<sup>3/</sup> 415	33,414
January-June--					
1965-----	12,940	2,702	252	<sup>3/</sup> 192	16,086
1966-----	14,567	2,595	318	<sup>3/</sup> 184	17,664

<sup>1/</sup> This table shows sales data only for manufacturers of stainless-steel table flatware during the years in which they produced such flatware. The data on sales of stainless-steel table flatware, therefore, are complete, but the data on sales of other types of flatware are incomplete since they include only the sales by the manufacturers of stainless-steel table flatware.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes tin-plated, nickel-plated, and chrome-plated flatware, flatware of metals (such as nickel silver) other than stainless steel, and flatware with handles of nonmetallic materials.

<sup>3/</sup> Data not strictly comparable with those for preceding years.

Source: Compiled from information submitted to the U.S. Tariff Commission by the producers of stainless-steel table flatware.



Table 8.--Stainless-steel table flatware: U.S. exports of domestic merchandise, 1951-65, January-June 1965, and January-June 1966

Period	Quantity	Value	Average value per dozen pieces
	<u>Dozen pieces</u>		
1951-----	207,845	\$238,519	\$1.15
1952-----	202,952	235,898	1.16
1953-----	146,799	172,312	1.17
1954-----	96,736	143,614	1.48
1955-----	143,709	200,737	1.40
1956-----	82,180	138,214	1.68
1957-----	81,918	155,128	1.89
1958-----	1,291,757	1,536,076	1.19
1959-----	327,095	467,799	1.43
1960-----	190,648	437,640	2.30
1961-----	211,725	511,686	2.42
1962-----	177,859	382,286	2.15
1963-----	231,218	455,181	1.97
1964-----	267,345	593,810	2.22
1965-----	333,881	842,047	2.52
January-June--			
1965-----	156,561	397,323	2.54
1966-----	233,638	613,339	2.63

Source: Compiled from information submitted to the U.S. Tariff Commission by the producers.

Table 9.--Average number of workers employed and man-hours worked by production and related workers in establishments engaged in the production of stainless-steel table flatware, 1959-65, January-June 1965, and January-June 1966

Period	Average number employed		Man-hours worked by production and related workers	
	All persons	Production and related workers	All operations	Stainless-steel table flatware
			Thousands	Thousands
1959-----	8,383	6,580	13,803	5,079
1960-----	8,155	6,369	12,997	5,110
1961-----	8,404	6,671	13,543	4,886
1962-----	9,066	7,124	14,339	5,744
1963-----	9,773	7,618	15,681	5,889
1964-----	8,398	6,867	14,838	7,394
1965-----	8,757	7,282	15,610	7,109
January-June--				
1965-----	8,598	7,131	7,583	3,479
1966-----	9,092	7,591	8,360	3,795

Source: Compiled from data submitted to the U.S. Tariff Commission by the producers of stainless-steel table flatware.

Table 10.--U.S. production of stainless-steel table flatware, and employment, wages, and labor productivity in the manufacture of such flatware, 1951-65, January-June 1965, and January-June 1966

Period	Number of manufacturers	Average number of all employees	Production, 1,000 dozen pieces	Production and related workers					Wages paid per man-hour	Per dozen pieces
				Average number 1/	Man-hours paid for	Flatware produced per man-hour		Total, 1,000 dollars		
						Quantity	Value 2/			
1951	18	2,336	11,893	2,021	4,253	2.8	\$4.95	6,822	\$1.60	\$0.57
1952	18	2,011	9,304	1,721	3,624	2.6	4.65	6,111	1.69	.66
1953	19	2,182	11,020	1,882	4,056	2.7	4.94	7,097	1.75	.64
1954	23	2,390	11,051	1,972	4,115	2.7	5.16	7,055	1.71	.64
1955	22	3,080	14,848	2,501	5,329	2.8	5.38	10,034	1.88	.68
1956	21	2,987	14,695	2,382	5,037	2.9	6.33	9,820	1.95	.67
1957	21	2,888	13,079	2,248	4,658	2.8	6.29	9,225	1.98	.71
1958	20	3,057	15,030	2,326	4,760	3.2	6.69	9,895	2.08	.66
1959	19	3,019	18,480	2,416	5,079	3.6	7.45	10,990	2.16	.59
1960	19	3,164	19,332	2,510	5,110	3.8	7.98	11,427	2.24	.59
1961	19	2,973	18,467	2,387	4,886	3.8	8.17	11,397	2.33	.62
1962	20	3,457	21,339	2,793	5,744	3.7	7.58	3/ 11,397	4/ 2.22	4/ .58
1963	20	3,607	21,366	2,838	5,889	3.6	7.67	3/ 11,397	4/ 2.39	4/ .64
1964	19	4,092	27,862	3,400	7,394	3.8	8.47	18,887	2.55	.68
1965	19	3,957	27,409	3,309	7,109	3.9	8.97	19,098	2.69	.70
January-June--										
1965	19	3,950	13,984	3,297	3,479	4.0	8.96	9,125	2.62	.65
1966	19	4,088	14,840	3,446	3,795	3.9	8.62	10,266	2.71	.69

1/ Estimated by applying to the reported number of employees on all products the ratio of man-hours for production and related workers on stainless-steel table flatware to man-hours for such workers on all products.

2/ Estimated by multiplying the number of dozens of pieces of flatware produced per man-hour by the average value of sales per dozen pieces sold.

3/ Not available.

4/ Based on data for 11 producers, which accounted for approximately 85 percent of total production.

Source: Compiled from data submitted to the U.S. Tariff Commission by the producers.

Table 11.--Stainless-steel table flatware: U.S. imports for consumption, by countries, 1958-65, January-June 1965, and January-June 1966

Country	1958 <sup>1/</sup>	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963 <sup>2/</sup>	1964 <sup>2/</sup>	1965 <sup>2/</sup>	January-June	
									1965 <sup>2/</sup>	1966 <sup>2/</sup>
Quantity (1,000 dozen pieces)										
Japan-----	8,761	<sup>1/</sup> 8,265	9,876	4,301	4,726	5,672	6,027	6,834	2,351	1,324
Hong Kong-----	7	110	53	23	6	119	267	849	294	11
Taiwan-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	621	75	245
Netherlands-----	48	18	97	33	97	152	197	169	108	33
West Germany-----	207	320	<sup>3/</sup> 338	<sup>3/</sup> 243	163	171	105	140	57	26
Republic of Korea-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	-	48
Italy-----	52	74	324	52	59	36	38	43	8	20
United Kingdom-----	5	7	9	13	12	18	20	31	12	16
Austria-----	16	<sup>1/</sup> 36	76	36	18	46	27	24	5	15
Sweden-----	64	<sup>1/</sup> 68	68	24	32	23	21	21	11	4
Denmark-----	9	28	26	21	18	12	9	7	3	4
Nansei and Nanpo Islands-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other-----	11	24	16	9	17	35	41	57	33	35
Total-----	9,180	8,950	10,900	4,755	5,163	<sup>4/</sup> 6,334	<sup>4/</sup> 6,795	8,880	2,957	1,781
Entered value (1,000 dollars)										
Japan-----	7,496	8,350	9,895	4,526	5,117	6,408	7,342	8,069	2,703	1,742
Hong Kong-----	3	75	41	16	4	78	203	682	215	9
Taiwan-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	478	61	172
Netherlands-----	165	40	161	80	162	255	294	307	175	84
West Germany-----	693	912	<sup>3/</sup> 1,040	<sup>3/</sup> 929	687	731	446	604	301	144
Republic of Korea-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54	-	31
Italy-----	144	180	423	153	166	133	150	151	39	86
United Kingdom-----	27	31	49	78	93	96	86	135	54	72
Austria-----	69	116	183	112	77	120	108	106	20	52
Sweden-----	292	342	371	153	166	114	107	95	49	21
Denmark-----	52	151	154	141	138	98	83	55	21	36
Nansei and Nanpo Islands-----	-	-	16	-	11	35	11	-	-	-
All other-----	43	51	65	39	67	147	149	204	84	173
Total-----	8,984	10,248	12,398	6,227	6,688	<sup>4/</sup> 8,215	<sup>4/</sup> 8,996	10,940	3,722	2,622
Average value per dozen pieces <sup>2/</sup>										
Japan-----	\$0.86	\$1.01	\$1.00	\$1.05	\$1.08	\$1.13	\$1.22	\$1.18	\$1.15	1.32
Hong Kong-----	.43	.68	.78	.71	.70	.65	.76	.80	.73	.78
Taiwan-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	.69	.77	.81	.70
Netherlands-----	3.48	2.19	1.66	2.38	1.68	1.67	1.49	1.82	1.62	2.52
West Germany-----	3.35	2.85	3.08	3.82	4.22	4.26	4.24	4.32	5.24	5.54
Republic of Korea-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.64	-	.65
Italy-----	2.76	2.43	1.30	2.95	2.83	3.73	3.90	3.54	4.68	4.25
United Kingdom-----	5.61	4.64	5.49	5.99	7.69	5.20	4.25	4.34	4.64	4.43
Austria-----	4.30	3.21	2.41	3.12	4.29	2.64	4.01	4.33	4.04	3.44
Sweden-----	4.54	5.05	5.47	6.36	5.11	4.99	5.04	4.48	4.37	5.02
Denmark-----	5.55	5.37	5.99	6.73	7.68	8.23	9.12	8.05	6.76	10.26
Nansei and Nanpo Islands-----	-	-	.95	-	.76	.70	.63	-	-	-
All other-----	3.88	2.14	4.20	4.57	3.98	4.30	3.68	3.60	2.61	5.14
Average-----	.98	1.15	1.14	1.31	1.30	1.30	1.32	1.23	1.26	1.47

<sup>1/</sup> Includes estimates for small amounts of imports for which values only were reported.

<sup>2/</sup> Preliminary for 1964, 1965, and January-June 1966. The value of imports includes estimates for the value of quota-type stainless-steel table flatware imported in sets. The value of such sets is not separately reported in official statistics.

Data exclude the quantity and value of nonquota-type stainless-steel flatware imported in sets because they are not separately reported in official statistics. Such imports are known to be negligible.

<sup>3/</sup> Includes relatively small amounts of imports which were entered free of duty for U.S. Government use.

<sup>4/</sup> Data on total quantity shown in this table for 1963 and 1964, do not agree with those shown in table 5 because data in this table do not include imports of 526,000 dozen pieces in 1963, and 544,000 dozen pieces in 1964, for which data on value and in the indicated detail of this table are not available from official statistics.

<sup>5/</sup> Based on the unrounded figures.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

Table 12.--Stainless-steel table flatware: U.S. imports for consumption, total and from Japan, by types, 1961-65, January-June 1965, and January-June 1966  
(Quantity in 1,000 dozen pieces; entered value in 1,000 dollars)

Item	1961		1962		1963		1964		1965		January-June 1966	
	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value	Quantity	Entered value
Total, all countries												
Quota-type imported at--	4,076	3,891	4,399	4,302	5,237	5,430	5,765	6,297	7,340	7,670	2,396	2,404
Trade-agreement rates of duty	198	236	178	217	428	477	363	442	278	1,015	332	759
Increased rates of duty	3/ 4,286	3/ 4,141	4,577	4,519	5,665	5,907	6,388	6,739	8,318	8,665	2,728	2,655
Total	475	2,087	286	2,169	669	2,308	667	2,257	562	2,256	229	1,424
Nonquota-type	3/ 4,755	3/ 6,227	5,163	6,688	6,334	8,215	6,795	8,996	8,880	10,940	2,927	3,722
Total, quota- and nonquota-types	4,301	4,566	4,726	5,117	5,672	6,408	6,027	7,342	6,834	8,069	2,351	2,703
Japan												
Quota-type imported at--	3,912	3,672	4,218	4,072	4,900	5,073	5,293	5,839	5,883	6,412	1,994	2,064
Trade-agreement rates of duty	177	202	167	197	368	404	292	369	638	711	235	260
Increased rates of duty	4,089	3,874	4,269	4,269	5,268	5,477	5,365	6,208	6,521	7,123	2,229	2,324
Total	212	672	341	848	404	931	442	1,134	313	946	122	379
Nonquota-type	4,301	4,566	4,726	5,117	5,672	6,408	6,027	7,342	6,834	8,069	2,351	2,703
Total, quota- and nonquota-types	4,301	4,566	4,726	5,117	5,672	6,408	6,027	7,342	6,834	8,069	2,351	2,703
Ratio (percent) of imports from Japan to total imports 4/												
Quota-type, imported at--	96.0	94.4	95.9	94.7	93.6	93.4	91.8	92.7	80.2	83.6	83.2	85.8
Trade-agreement rates of duty	89.7	85.8	94.0	90.5	86.1	84.8	80.5	83.5	65.2	70.0	70.6	71.3
Increased rates of duty	95.3	93.6	95.8	94.5	93.0	92.7	91.1	92.1	78.4	82.0	81.7	84.6
Average	44.6	31.2	58.3	39.1	60.3	40.3	66.2	50.3	55.7	41.9	53.4	39.7
Nonquota-type	90.5	72.7	91.5	76.5	89.5	78.0	88.7	81.6	77.0	73.8	79.5	74.3
Average, quota- and nonquota-types	90.5	72.7	91.5	76.5	89.5	78.0	88.7	81.6	77.0	73.8	79.5	74.3

1/ Preliminary for 1964, 1965, and January-June 1966. The value of imports includes estimates for the value of quota-type stainless-steel table flatware imported in sets because the value of such sets is not separately reported in official statistics.  
 Data do not include imports of quota-type flatware amounting to 526,000 dozen pieces in 1963, and 544,000 dozen pieces in 1964, for which data on value and in the indicated detail of this table are not available from official statistics. Data exclude the quantity and value of nonquota-type stainless-steel flatware imported in sets because they are not separately reported in official statistics. Such imports are known to be negligible.  
 2/ Data have not been adjusted to reflect the retroactive provision of Presidential Proclamation No. 3697.  
 3/ Includes relatively small amounts of imports which were entered free of duty for U.S. Government use.  
 4/ Based on the unrounded figures.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. Beginning with 1963, owing to the discrepancies in the U.S. Department of Commerce data, the data shown for imports entered at the increased rates of duty are of qualified significance. Data obtained from the Customs Bureau, U.S. Department of the Treasury, indicate that such imports were considerably smaller than those shown in this table.

Table 13. Stainless-steel table flatware: U.S. imports for consumption, by types and selected sources, 1965 1/

Item	All countries 2/			Japan			Hong Kong			Taiwan			All other countries		
	Quantity:	Entered value:	Average unit value:	Quantity:	Entered value:	Average unit value:	Quantity:	Entered value:	Average unit value:	Quantity:	Entered value:	Average unit value:	Quantity:	Entered value:	Average unit value:
	1,000 dozen	1,000 dollars	Per dozen	1,000 dozen	1,000 dollars	Per dozen	1,000 dozen	1,000 dollars	Per dozen	1,000 dozen	1,000 dollars	Per dozen	1,000 dozen	1,000 dollars	Per dozen
Quota-type imported at trade-agreement rates of duty:															
Knives:															
With chrome-steel handles-----	937	1,573	\$1.68	833	1,422	\$1.71	50	78	\$1.56	34	50	\$1.47	20	23	\$1.13
With nickel-steel handles-----	1	1	.95	1	1	.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forks:															
With chrome-steel handles-----	1,328	1,216	.92	1,025	989	.97	169	135	.80	119	81	.68	15	12	.80
With nickel-steel handles-----	13	16	1.24	11	12	1.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	2.00
Spoons-----	2,194	1,838	.84	1,788	1,522	.87	291	185	.64	91	57	.63	24	33	1.40
Quota-type imported at the increased rates of duty:															
Knives:															
With chrome-steel handles-----	60	101	1.68	47	80	1.71	1	2	1.74	11	17	1.54	1	2	1.67
With nickel-steel handles-----	2	4	2.44	2	4	2.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forks:															
With chrome-steel handles-----	186	200	1.07	147	160	1.08	8	7	.92	11	8	.75	21	25	1.25
With nickel-steel handles-----	24	28	1.14	10	12	1.15	-	-	-	7	5	.70	7	11	1.98
Spoons-----	301	285	.95	203	206	1.02	16	16	.95	57	36	.62	24	29	1.13
Nonquota-type:															
Knives:															
With chrome-steel handles:															
Not over 10.2 inches in overall length-----	214	786	3.66	149	497	3.34	4	9	2.07	3/	1	3.29	61	279	4.56
Over 10.2 inches in overall length-----	13	61	4.62	6	28	4.53	-	1	3.67	-	-	-	7	33	4.72
With nickel-steel handles:															
Not over 10.2 inches in overall length-----	26	218	8.32	3	16	4.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	202	8.82
Over 10.2 inches in overall length-----	1	8	7.44	3/	4/	2.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	3.56
Forks:															
With chrome-steel handles:															
Not over 10.2 inches in overall length-----	49	166	3.37	36	110	3.02	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	56	4.34
Over 10.2 inches in overall length-----	12	53	4.22	11	35	3.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	18	10.00
With nickel-steel handles:															
Not over 10.2 inches in overall length-----	46	238	5.21	5	17	3.17	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	222	5.47
Over 10.2 inches in overall length-----	3	13	4.85	1	2	1.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	5.98
Spoons:															
Not over 10.2 inches in overall length-----	144	600	4.16	60	170	2.82	1	7	6.79	3/	1	6.12	83	423	5.09
Over 10.2 inches in overall length-----	52	114	2.18	41	72	1.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	42	3.86

1/ Preliminary. Data have not been adjusted to reflect Presidential Proclamation No. 3697, dated Jan. 7, 1966, which affected quota-type imports entered beginning Nov. 1, 1965. Data exclude imports of flatware in sets.

2/ Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown. Average unit values are based on the unrounded figures.

3/ Less than 500 dozen.

4/ Less than 500 dollars.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 14.--Stainless-steel table flatware: U.S. imports for consumption of quota-type flatware, whether or not imported within or in excess of the quota, based on data reported by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Department of Commerce, by months, November 1963-September 1966 <sup>1/</sup>

(In dozens of pieces)				
Quota year and month	Import data as recorded by the--			
	U.S. Department of the Treasury <sup>2/</sup>		U.S. Department of Commerce <sup>3/</sup>	
	Monthly entries	Accumulated totals	Monthly entries	Accumulated totals
1963-64:				
November-----	1,743,436	1,743,436	1,050,330	1,050,330
December-----	907,400	2,650,836	1,074,654	2,124,984
January (1964)-----	827,482	3,478,318	1,011,784	3,136,768
February-----	797,465	4,275,783	864,320	4,001,088
March-----	876,714	5,152,497	842,548	4,843,636
April-----	604,454	5,756,951	472,705	5,316,341
May-----	16,306	5,773,257	126,034	5,442,375
June-----	21,900	5,795,157	41,384	5,483,759
July-----	12,484	5,807,641	78,738	5,562,497
August-----	19,648	5,827,289	22,572	5,585,069
September-----	11,716	5,839,005	44,881	5,629,950
October-----	10,653	5,849,658	34,828	5,664,778
1964-65:				
November-----	2,570,100	2,570,100	1,350,669	1,350,669
December-----	902,727	3,472,827	1,237,574	2,588,243
January (1965)-----	1,333,706	4,806,533	1,003,923	3,592,166
February-----	988,515	5,795,048	1,335,824	4,927,990
March-----	82,257	5,877,305	206,247	5,134,237
April-----	22,610	5,899,915	124,707	5,258,944
May-----	13,802	5,913,717	42,315	5,301,259
June-----	12,058	5,925,775	15,136	5,316,395
July-----	10,975	5,936,750	24,597	5,340,992
August-----	19,433	5,956,183	16,509	5,357,501
September-----	22,256	5,978,439	26,135	5,383,636
October-----	11,384	5,989,823	3,101	5,386,737
1965-66:				
November-----	5,772,608	5,772,608	3,894,375	3,894,375
December-----	133,380	5,905,988	1,625,259	5,519,634
January (1966)-----	1,044,042	6,950,030	505,526	6,025,160
February-----	60,991	7,011,021	696,641	6,721,801
March-----	39,579	7,050,600	62,095	6,783,896
April-----	18,349	7,068,949	63,478	6,847,374
May-----	49,711	7,118,660	37,299	6,884,673
June-----	46,674	7,165,334	58,693	6,943,366
July-----	182,921	7,348,255	129,676	7,073,042
August-----	130,323	7,478,578	<sup>4/</sup>	<sup>4/</sup>
September-----	127,360	7,605,938	<sup>4/</sup>	<sup>4/</sup>

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary; subject to revision. Entries shown in months following the first month of each quota year reflect adjustments in previous entries.

<sup>2/</sup> Figures are compiled from weekly reports from field offices of the U.S. Bureau of Customs to the Quota Section of the Bureau.

<sup>3/</sup> Figures are compiled on a monthly basis from statistical copies of entries.

<sup>4/</sup> Not available.

Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury data are compiled from data submitted to the U.S. Tariff Commission by the Quota Section, Bureau of Customs. U.S. Department of Commerce data are compiled from the official statistics of that Department.

Note.--Variation in import statistics in this table reported by the Treasury Department from those reported by the Commerce Department is partly due to the fact that the Commerce Department figures exclude entries valued at not more than \$250.





Table 16.--Stainless-steel and other table flatware of nonprecious metals: Japanese export quotas and Japanese exports to the United States, 1958-66

Year	(In thousands of dozen pieces)											
	Flatware of stainless steel, with					Other flatware					Total	
	Quota	Exports	Quota	Exports	Quota	Exports	Quota	Exports	Quota	Exports		
	metal handles, not over 26 centimeters:											
	Valued less than \$3 per dozen					Other						
1958	1/ 5,500	2/ 4,577	1/ 1,000	2/ 332	-	2/ 394	5,500	4,559	5,500	5,500	4,559	
1959	1/ 5,500	3/ 4,577	1/ 1,000	3/ 316	-	1,394	5,500	5,971	5,500	5,971		
1960	1/ 5,500	3/ 6,306	1/ 1,000	3/ 450	-	2,996	5,500	9,302	5,500	9,302		
1961	1/ 3,500	3/ 3,072	1/ 1,000	3/ 332	-	2,357	3,500	5,429	3,500	5,429		
1962	1/ 4,950	3/ 3,241	1/ 800	332	-	2,831	4,950	6,404	4,950	6,404		
1963	5,500	5,745	800	316	-	3,008	6,300	9,069	6,300	9,069		
1964	5,500	6,212	800	450	4/ 300	4,294	6,600	10,956	6,600	10,956		
1965	5,725	3/ 6,650	1,000	3/ 675	-	4,041	6,725	10,691	6,725	10,691		
1966	6/ 6,650	6/ 6,650	6/ 1,000	6/ 675	6/ 675	6/ 675	7,000	6,650	7,000	6,650		

1/ Quota not broken down by value; total shown in the first column.

2/ Exports not reported in indicated detail.

3/ Exports not broken down by value; total shown in the second column.

4/ Exceptional 1-time quota for flatware with part plastic handles in effect during January-April 1964.

5/ Excludes butter knives, ladles, handles, and parts for knives, forks, and spoons.

6/ Not available.

Source: Quotas as announced by Japan Ministry of International Trade and Industry; exports as reported in official trade statistics of Japan.

Note.--Data for 1958-61 have been revised to include exports to Alaska and Hawaii.

Table 17.--Table flatware of nonprecious metals: Japanese exports of sets and of knives, forks, and spoons to the United States, 1958-65

(In thousands of dozen pieces)

Year	Sets	Knives	Forks	Spoons	Total
Flatware of stainless steel, with metal handles, not over 26 centimeters					
1958-----	1/	902	312	3,345	4,559
1959-----	1/	685	443	3,449	4,577
1960-----	1/	1,478	1,339	3,489	6,306
1961-----	1/	816	670	1,586	3,072
1962-----	2,004	627	341	601	3,573
1963-----	4,059	706	508	788	6,061
1964-----	2,124	1,176	1,278	2,084	6,662
1965-----	2,266	1,073	1,282	2,029	6,650
Other flatware					
1958-----	1/	2/	2/	2/	2/
1959-----	1/	608	198	588	1,394
1960-----	1/	977	560	1,459	2,996
1961-----	1/	770	355	1,232	2,357
1962-----	1/	622	506	1,704	2,832
1963-----	1/	836	639	1,532	3,007
1964-----	1,197	830	815	1,452	4,294
1965-----	697	960	947	1,437	4,041

1/ Reported separately as knives, forks, and spoons.

2/ In 1958 no distinction was made in export statistics between quota-type and other flatware.

Source: Official trade statistics of Japan.

Note.--Data for 1958-61 have been revised to include exports to Alaska and Hawaii.

Table 18.--Stainless-steel table flatware: Hong Kong exports and imports, by principal sources and destinations, 1963-65

(In thousands of dozen pieces)

Country	1963	1964	1965
Exports			
United Kingdom-----	502	1,153	1,604
United States-----	96	444	631
Netherlands-----	-	-	136
Sweden-----	166	180	24
All other-----	165	134	129
Total-----	929	1,911	2,524
Imports			
Japan-----	158	223	148
China-----	1	5	91
United Kingdom-----	2	2	4
West Germany-----	2	6	2
All other-----	3	6	7
Total-----	166	242	252

Source: Hong Kong Commerce and Industry Department.

Table 19.--Stainless-steel table flatware: Hong Kong exports and imports of spoons and forks, and knives, by principal sources and destinations, 1965

(In thousands of dozen pieces)			
Country	Spoons and forks	Knives	Total
Exports			
United Kingdom-----	1,334	270	1,604
United States-----	509	122	631
Netherlands-----	128	8	136
Sweden-----	6	18	24
All other-----	102	27	129
Total-----	2,079	445	2,524
Imports			
Japan-----	125	23	148
China-----	88	3	91
United Kingdom-----	3	1	4
West Germany-----	2	<u>1</u>	2
All other-----	4	3	7
Total-----	222	30	252

1/ Less than 500 dozen.

Source: Hong Kong Commerce and Industry Department.

Table 20.--Knives, forks, and the like, for kitchen and table use, of base metals: Exports and imports of the Republic of China (Taiwan), by principal sources and destinations, 1963-65

(In kilograms)			
Country	1963	1964	1965
Exports			
United States-----	88	45,153	1/
Hong Kong-----	1,920	11,929	1/
Canada-----	-	69	1/
Ryukyu Islands-----	5	41	1/
All other-----	-	2	1/
Total-----	2,013	57,194	367,581
Imports			
Italy-----	-	805	1/
Japan-----	3,754	129	1/
West Germany-----	5	98	1/
Hong Kong-----	-	12	1/
All other-----	421	-	1/
Total-----	4,180	1,044	6

1/ Not available.

Source: Official statistics of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

