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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

Pursuant to various concessions granted in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the United States reduced the rates of duty applicable to sheet glass in 1948, 1951, and 1956-58.^{1/} Following a Tariff Commission investigation under the escape-clause procedure of the Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1951, the President modified the concessions on such glass by increasing the rates of duty effective at the close of business June 17, 1962. On January 11, 1967, the President, pursuant to the provisions of section 351(c)(1)(A) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, terminated some of the increases in the rates that had been imposed under the escape-clause procedure and reduced others. In effect, he retained the escape-clause rates on

^{1/} Since 1951, concession rates have not applied to imports from countries or areas designated by the President as Communist controlled.

most window glass, but reimposed the lower trade-agreement rates on thin and heavy sheet glass (see definitions on the following page). The modified escape-action rates were scheduled to terminate at the close of October 11, 1967, unless extended by the President. Following a report by the Tariff Commission on September 8, 1967,^{1/} the President extended, until the close of December 31, 1969, all rates of duty on sheet glass that were higher than the trade-agreement rates. Following a report by the Tariff Commission on December 1, 1969,^{2/} the President, pursuant to provisions of section 351(d)(3) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, continued the modified escape-action rates of duty applicable to window glass until March 31, 1970. After receiving the Commission's report of December 29, 1969, under section 301(b)(1) of the act, in which three Commissioners found that imports of sheet glass were causing serious injury to the domestic industry and three Commissioners took the opposite view,^{3/} the President, on February 27, 1970, extended the existing escape-clause protection for window glass until January 31, 1972; thereafter, these rates are scheduled to be reduced to the trade-agreement rates in three equal annual steps.

1/ Sheet Glass (Blown or Drawn Flat Glass): Report to the President on Investigation No. TEA-I-EX-4 Under Section 351(d)(3) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, TC Publication 215, 1967 (processed).

2/ Sheet Glass (Blown or Drawn Flat Glass): Report to the President on Investigation No. TEA-I-EX-6 Under Section 351(d)(3) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, TC Publication 306, 1969.

3/ Flat Glass and Tempered Glass: Report to the President on Investigation No. TEA-I-15 Under Section 301(b)(1) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, TC Publication 310, 1969.

For the purpose of this report, sheet glass is discussed under three general categories, on a weight basis--thin sheet glass (not over 16 ounces per square foot), window glass (over 16 but not over 28 ounces per square foot), and heavy sheet glass (over 28 ounces per square foot). The rates of duty applicable to these types of glass, under the actions outlined above, are shown by detailed specifications in table 1, and their average ad valorem equivalents (as applied to imports entitled to most-favored-nation (MFN) treatment) are shown for recent years in table 2.

Window glass measuring 100 united inches (length plus width) or less is currently dutiable at rates significantly higher than the trade-agreement rates. Window glass measuring over 100 united inches, all thin sheet glass, and all heavy sheet glass are dutiable at the trade-agreement rates (table 1). The modified escape-action rates of duty currently applicable to imports of window glass (of all weights described as window glass, by sizes subject to such rates), as well as the corresponding trade-agreement rates and the ad valorem equivalents of those rates, based on 1969 imports, are shown in the following table.

Window glass: U.S. rates of duty and average ad valorem
equivalents, 1969

(Cents per pound; percent ad valorem)

Description	Rates of duty		Average ad valorem equivalents	
	Modified escape- action rate	Trade- agreement rate	Modified escape- action rate	Trade- agreement rate
Window glass measuring in united inches--	:	:	:	:
Not over 40:	:	:	:	:
Ordinary-----	1.1¢	0.7¢	17.5%	11.2%
Colored or special.	1.1¢ + 2.5%	0.7¢ + 2.5%	4.1%	3.5%
Over 40 but not over 60:	:	:	:	:
Ordinary-----	1.5¢	0.9¢	23.7%	14.2%
Colored or special.	1.5¢ + 2.5%	0.9¢ + 2.5%	8.8%	6.3%
Over 60 but not over 100:	:	:	:	:
Ordinary-----	1.5¢	1.1¢	20.5%	15.0%
Colored or special.	1.5¢ + 2.5%	1.1¢ + 2.5%	10.4%	8.3%

So long as increased rates of duty remain in effect on U.S. imports of window glass measuring 100 united inches or less, the Commission is required, under the provisions of section 351(d)(1) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, to make an annual report on developments with respect to the industry concerned. This report represents data for window glass as well as for all sheet glass; it describes mainly the developments that have occurred since those related in the Commission's report of December 1, 1969.

U.S. Consumption

U.S. consumption of sheet glass (including window glass) declined sharply in 1970 (table 3). In January-September 1970, apparent U.S. consumption of all sheet glass was lower by 16 percent, and that of window glass was lower by 13 percent, than in the corresponding period of 1969. The drop in U.S. consumption appears to have resulted primarily from a decline in residential construction and automobile production, the principal markets of sheet glass (table 4). Automobile production was curtailed during the year by a prolonged strike that began in mid-September.

Apparent U.S. consumption of sheet glass and window glass^{1/} fluctuated considerably from year to year in the late 1960's. The apparent consumption of sheet glass was 13 percent smaller in 1967 than in 1965; it rose by 16 percent in 1968, and then declined by 2 percent in 1969. Apparent U.S. consumption of window glass changed little in 1965-67, being about 2 percent smaller in 1967 than in 1965; it increased by 15 percent in 1968, and then declined by 4 percent in 1969 (quantity figures in table 5).

In 1969 window glass made up about ** percent, thin glass, about ** percent, and heavy sheet glass, about ** percent of the apparent U.S. consumption of sheet glass.

^{1/} Data on U.S. consumption, production, and shipments of window glass include such glass measuring over 100 united inches because data thereon cannot be segregated in the statistics obtained from U.S. producers. Window glass measuring over 100 united inches constitutes only a small portion of total U.S. consumption, production, and shipments of such glass.

U.S. Producers

On December 31, 1970, five firms were producing sheet glass, including window glass, in 12 plants in the United States. Four of the 12 establishments were located in West Virginia, two in Oklahoma, and one each, in Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Arkansas, Ohio, Illinois, and California. One plant (located in Tennessee), which produced only heavy sheet glass, was closed in March 1970. Employment in domestic sheet glass plants declined consistently from 1965 to 1969, as did the number of man-hours worked by production and related workers (table 6).

The U.S. sheet glass industry continued to modify its production facilities in 1970 in order to increase productivity, lower costs, and improve product quality. The principal modifications consisted of improved methods of cutting sheet glass, but other phases of the production process were also improved. Furnace shutdowns for modifications and repairs in 1969 and 1970 idled about 10 percent of the productive capacity of the sheet glass industry.

Productive capacity of the industry changed little in the period under review. In September 1970 it was about 1 percent lower than at the end of 1969.

U.S. Production, Shipments, and
Inventories

In the first 9 months of 1970, U.S. production and shipments of sheet glass declined by about 8 percent from the levels attained in

the corresponding period of 1969. Production and shipments in 1969 had been higher than in 1968 by 8 percent and 5 percent, respectively, and had been the highest since 1965 (tables 5 and 7).

U.S. producers' shipments of window glass in the first 9 months of 1970 were about 7 percent lower than in the corresponding period of 1969. Producers' shipments of window glass in 1969 were about 3 percent higher than in 1968, even though U.S. consumption of such glass declined in 1969. Window glass accounted for** percent of total U.S. shipments of sheet glass in January-September 1970, compared with ** percent in 1969.

The shipments of thin and heavy sheet glass by U.S. producers in January-September 1970 were about 11 and 20 percent, respectively, lower than in the corresponding period of 1969. Such shipments in 1969 were higher by 2 and 9 percent, respectively, than in 1968.

The U.S. producers' share of the total sheet glass market and the window glass market was higher in the first 9 months of 1970 * * * * * than in the corresponding period in 1969 * * * * * . The producers' share of the market for all sheet glass had increased from ** to ** percent in 1969, and their share of the window glass market had increased from ** to** percent. For all sheet glass, this development reflected a rise of 5 percent in U.S. producers' shipments and a decline of 17 percent in imports; for window glass there was a 3-percent increase in U.S. producers' shipments and a 21-percent decline in imports.

Inventories of all sheet glass^{1/} at the end of 1969 were about 31 percent above those at the end of 1968 and were equivalent to about 12 percent of U.S. production in 1969.

U.S. Exports

U.S. exports of sheet glass (mostly window glass) totaled 3.0 million pounds in the first 9 months of 1970, compared with 3.2 million pounds in the corresponding period of 1969. The exports totaled 3.9 million pounds in 1969, reflecting a decline of 42 percent from the 6.7 million pounds exported in 1968 (table 3). In 1969, exports were equal to less than 1 percent of shipments by U.S. producers.

U.S. Imports

U.S. imports of sheet glass in January-September 1970 were 26 percent below those in the comparable period of 1969 (quantity figures in table 8). Imports of window glass (i.e., glass dutiable at modified escape-action rates of duty) in the first 9 months of 1970 were 34 percent below those of the corresponding period in 1969 (quantity figures in table 9). In the first 9 months of 1970, imports supplied 25 percent of the total U.S. sheet glass market and 21 percent of the U.S. window glass market, compared with 28 percent and 26 percent, respectively, for the corresponding period in 1969.

^{1/} Inventories include only those of glass inspected for defects and cut to the size in which it is intended to be sold; they do not include those of glass intended to be recut before shipment.

U.S. imports of sheet glass in 1969 were 17 percent below those in 1968, involving a 21-percent decrease in imports of window glass, a 9-percent decline in imports of heavy sheet glass, and a 12-percent decline in imports of thin sheet glass (table 5). Imports dutiable at MFN tariff rates declined 17 percent (quantity figures in table 10), and imports dutiable at full rates (applicable to countries designated as Communist) declined by 13 percent. The share of the U.S. market for window glass and all sheet glass supplied by imports declined in 1969.

Imports of window glass in 1969, which constituted more than half of sheet glass imports, were 22 percent below those of 1968 (table 9), although U.S. consumption in that year decreased by only 2 percent. In 1969, imports of window glass at MFN rates of duty were 24 percent lower than in 1968, while those at full rates of duty were 9 percent lower.

The principal suppliers of both imported sheet glass and window glass in 1969 and 1970 were Belgium, West Germany, Japan, Italy, the United Kingdom, and the Republic of China (Taiwan) (table 8).

Prices

The published prices of the commercially important sizes and thicknesses of sheet glass quoted by the principal foreign and domestic suppliers were virtually unchanged during 1969 (table 11). Price changes were made in the less important types of sheet glass.

After May 1, 1970, however, U.S. producers reduced the price of 19-ounce window glass about 4 percent and in July 1970 the price was again reduced, by nearly 3 percent. The price of 3/16-inch heavy sheet glass was reduced in July 1970 by about 4 percent. No price reductions were made by the principal foreign suppliers. Some of these foreign suppliers announced a 10-percent price increase for sheet glass in July 1970, but they immediately postponed it when the U.S. producers did not announce similar increases. The prices of foreign glass, therefore, did not change in 1969 and 1970.

As a result of these price developments, the price differential of earlier years (2 percent on 19-ounce window glass and 5 percent on 3/16-inch heavy sheet glass) favoring foreign suppliers disappeared. On November 1, 1970, the published price of U.S.-produced window glass was 5 percent below that of the foreign glass; the price of heavy sheet glass from both sources was about the same.

According to trade sources, both U.S. and foreign sheet glass were sold in the United States in 1970 at prices that were discounted below the published prices, but information is not available on such sales. The most recent data collected by the Tariff Commission on this subject indicate that in the first half of 1969, for example, 13.5 percent of domestic producers' shipments of window glass were marketed below published prices, at discounts averaging 10.9 percent. Corresponding statistical data and sales by agents of foreign firms are not available.

Statistical Appendix

Table 1.--Sheet glass weighing over 4 ounces per square foot: U.S. rates of duty provided in the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) 1/

(Cents per pound; percent ad valorem)							
TSUS item	Article	Appendix item <u>2/</u>	Statutory rate <u>3/</u>	Trade-agreement rate <u>4/</u>	Escape-action rate <u>5/</u>	Currently applicable rate <u>6/</u>	
	Glass (including blown or drawn glass, but excluding cast or rolled glass and excluding pressed or molded glass) (whether or not containing wire netting), in rectangles, not ground, not polished and not otherwise processed, weighing over 4 oz. per sq. ft., provided for in TSUS items 542.11- 542.98, inclusive:						
	Ordinary glass:						
	Weighing over 4 oz. but not over 12 oz. per sq. ft.:						
542.11	Measuring not over 40 united inches-----		1.5¢	0.7¢	1.3¢	0.7¢	
542.13	Measuring over 40 united inches-----		1.9¢	.9¢	1.6¢	.9¢	
	Weighing over 12 oz. but not over 16 oz. per sq. ft.:						
542.21	Measuring not over 40 united inches-----		2.1¢	1.0¢	1.3¢	1.0¢	
542.23	Measuring over 40 but not over 60 united inches--		2.4¢	1.1¢	1.6¢	1.1¢	
542.25	Measuring over 60 united inches-----		2.5¢	1.2¢	1.9¢	1.2¢	
	Weighing over 16 oz. but not over 28 oz. per sq. ft.:						
542.31	Measuring not over 40 united inches-----	923.31	1.5¢	.7¢	1.3¢	1.1¢	
542.33	Measuring over 40 but not over 60 united inches--	923.33	1.9¢	.9¢	1.6¢	1.5¢	
542.35	Measuring over 60 but not over 100 united inches-----	923.35	2.4¢	1.1¢	1.9¢	1.5¢	
542.37	Measuring over 100 united inches-----	923.37	2.8¢	1.4¢	2.4¢	1.4¢	
	Weighing over 28 oz. per sq. ft.:						
542.42	Not over 2-2/3 sq. ft. in area-----		1.5¢	.7¢	1.3¢	.7¢	
542.44	Over 2-2/3 but not over 7 sq. ft. in area-----		1.9¢	.9¢	1.6¢	.9¢	
542.46	Over 7 but not over 15 sq. ft. in area-----		2.4¢	1.1¢	1.9¢	1.1¢	
542.48	Over 15 sq. ft. in area-----		2.8¢	1.4¢	2.4¢ or 3.5¢ <u>I/</u>	1.4¢	
	Colored or special glass:						
542.57	Weighing over 4 oz. but not over 12 oz. per sq. ft.-----		4.0¢	1.7¢	2.2¢	1.7¢	
542.67	Weighing over 12 oz. but not over 16 oz. per sq. ft.-----		13.0¢	6.0¢	9.0¢	6.0¢	
	Weighing over 16 oz. but not over 28 oz. per sq. ft.:						
542.71	Measuring not over 40 united inches-----	923.71	1.5¢ + 5%	0.7¢ + 2.5%	1.3¢ + 2.5%	1.1¢ + 2.5%	
542.73	Measuring over 40 but not over 60 united inches-----	923.73	1.9¢ + 5%	0.9¢ + 2.5%	1.6¢ + 2.5%	1.5¢ + 2.5%	
542.75	Measuring over 60 but not over 100 united inches-----	923.75	2.4¢ + 5%	1.1¢ + 2.5%	1.9¢ + 2.5%	1.5¢ + 2.5%	
542.77	Measuring over 100 united inches-----	923.77	2.8¢ + 5%	1.4¢ + 2.5%	2.4¢ + 2.5%	1.4¢ + 2.5%	
	Weighing over 28 oz. per sq. ft.:						
542.92	Not over 2-2/3 sq. ft. in area-----		1.5¢ + 5%	0.7¢ + 2.5%	1.3¢ + 2.5%	0.7¢ + 2.5%	
542.94	Over 2-2/3 but not over 7 sq. ft. in area-----		1.9¢ + 5%	0.9¢ + 2.5%	1.6¢ + 2.5%	0.9¢ + 2.5%	
542.96	Over 7 but not over 15 sq. ft. in area-----		2.4¢ + 5%	1.1¢ + 2.5%	1.9¢ + 2.5%	1.1¢ + 2.5%	
542.98	Over 15 sq. ft. in area-----		2.8¢ + 5%	1.4¢ + 2.5%	2.4¢ + 2.5%	1.4¢ + 2.5%	
					or 3.5¢ + 2.5% <u>I/</u>		

1/ The rates of duty originally provided in the TSUS and the TSUS appendix were placed in effect Aug. 31, 1963, by Presidential Proclamation No. 3548.

2/ The rates of duty currently applicable to glass as the result of escape-clause action are set forth in these items of the TSUS appendix.

3/ Rates of duty currently applied to the products of countries or areas designated as Communist dominated or controlled.

4/ The most recent rates of duty placed in effect as a result of concessions granted under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, as modified by proclamation of the TSUS. These rates were temporarily suspended on June 17, 1962.

5/ Rates of duty placed in effect June 17, 1962, by Presidential Proclamation No. 3455 under the escape-clause procedure, as modified by proclamation of the TSUS. These rates were superseded by the rates which were placed in effect by Presidential Proclamation No. 3762 on Jan. 11, 1967.

6/ Rates of duty placed in effect on Jan. 11, 1967, by Presidential Proclamation No. 3762 of that date. The rates of duty applicable to TSUS appendix items 923.31, 923.33, 923.35, 923.71, 923.73, and 923.75 are higher than the trade-agreement rates and are therefore temporary. Presidential Proclamation No. 3967, dated Feb. 27, 1970, extended the time period for the increased rates of duty to the close of Jan. 31, 1972. Thereafter, the increased rates will be reduced to the trade-agreement rates in 3 equal annual steps. The rates applicable to all other TSUS items are the trade-agreement rates.

7/ The escape-action rate on sheet glass weighing over 28 ounces per square foot and measuring over 15 but not over 16-2/3 square feet in area was 2.4¢ per pound (plus 2.5% ad valorem if colored or special); that on sheet glass weighing over 28 ounces per square foot and measuring over 16-2/3 square feet in area was 3.5¢ per pound (plus 2.5% ad valorem if colored or special).

Table 2.--Sheet glass weighing over 4 ounces per square foot: Average ad valorem equivalents of the U.S. specific rates of duty imposed on ordinary and colored or special sheet glass ^{1/} entitled to most-favored-nation tariff treatment, 1965-69 and January-September 1970

(Equivalents in percent ad valorem)

Description	: 1965	: 1966	: 1967 ^{2/}	: 1968 ^{2/}	: 1969 ^{2/}	: Jan.- Sept. 1970 ^{2/}
Sheet glass weighing not over 16 oz. per sq. ft. and measuring in united inches--						
Not over 40-----	15.4	13.5	7.5	7.0	6.5	5.7
Over 40 but not over 60-----	27.9	27.9	15.5	14.9	14.0	14.7
Over 60-----	30.3	29.3	17.2	14.5	7.9	12.4
Sheet glass weighing over 16 oz. but not over 28 oz. per sq. ft. and measuring in united inches--						
Not over 40-----	21.7	22.0	17.9	17.7	16.3	15.8
Over 40 but not over 60-----	28.2	28.7	24.7	24.9	23.3	22.8
Over 60 but not over 100-----	28.3	28.7	20.8	21.0	20.2	19.7
Over 100-----	33.5	33.8	18.1	17.8	16.7	16.0
Sheet glass weighing over 28 oz. per sq. ft. and measuring in sq. ft.--						
Not over 2-2/3-----	23.2	22.7	12.5	11.2	10.6	10.4
Over 2-2/3 but not over 7-----	26.4	27.3	12.3	11.3	11.0	11.6
Over 7 but not over 15-----	29.8	30.3	14.1	13.4	12.5	12.8
Over 15-----	59.4	57.6	18.1	16.6	15.9	15.6

^{1/} The ad valorem equivalents shown here do not include the 2-1/2 percent ad valorem additional rate of duty applicable to imports of colored or special sheet glass.

^{2/} Based on the modified escape-action rates which became effective on Jan. 11, 1967.

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

Table 3.--Sheet glass: Shipments by U.S. producers, U.S. exports of domestic merchandise, U.S. imports for consumption, and apparent U.S. consumption, 1965-69, January-September 1969, and January-September 1970

Item	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	Jan.- Sept. 1969	Jan.- Sept. 1970
	Quantity (million pounds)						
Shipments by U.S. producers-----	1,532.1	1,383.4	1,248.3	1,352.8	1,425.1	1,083.0	943.6
U.S. exports <u>1/</u> -----	4.0	9.0	10.7	6.7	3.9	3.2	3.0
U.S. imports for consumption:							
At most-favored-nation rates							
of duty-----	386.9	422.1	416.4	582.5	482.9	386.0	278.9
At full rates of duty-----	38.4	40.4	44.5	46.2	40.4	29.4	28.7
Total imports-----	425.3	462.5	460.9	628.7	523.3	415.4	307.6
Apparent U.S. consumption-----	1,953.4	1,836.9	1,698.5	1,974.8	1,944.5	1,495.2	1,248.2
	Percent of U.S. consumption						
Share supplied by--							
Shipments <u>2/</u> by U.S. producers---	78.2	74.8	72.9	68.2	73.1	72.2	75.4
U.S. imports for consumption:							
At most-favored-nation rates							
of duty-----	19.8	23.0	24.5	29.5	24.8	25.8	22.3
At full rates of duty-----	2.0	2.2	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.3
Total imports-----	21.8	25.2	27.1	31.8	26.9	27.8	24.6

1/ Official statistics are reported in square feet and have been converted to pounds at the ratio of 1 square foot=1.16 pounds.

2/ Less exports.

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

Table 4.--Indexes of U.S. producers' shipments of sheet glass, apparent U.S. consumption of sheet glass, and selected U.S. business indicators, 1956-70

(1957-59=100)							
Year	U.S. producers' shipments of sheet glass <u>1/</u>	Apparent U.S. consumption of sheet glass <u>1/</u>	Selected U.S. business indicators				
			Total industrial production <u>2/</u>	Residential construction		Automobile production <u>2/</u>	
				Housing starts <u>3/</u>	Value <u>4/</u>		
1956-----	120	115	100	98	98		103
1957-----	95	89	101	89	91		112
1958-----	85	86	94	100	96		80
1959-----	120	126	106	111	113		108
1960-----	96	101	109	92	99		131
1961-----	97	99	110	97	99		109
1962-----	110	115	118	107	109		136
1963-----	118	118	124	117	113		150
1964-----	116	121	132	111	111		151
1965-----	116	118	143	108	107		183
1966-----	105	111	156	85	94		170
1967-----	95	103	158	94	88		146
1968-----	101	117	165	110	104		150
1969-----	108	117	173	107	105		141
1970-----	<u>5/</u> 94	<u>5/</u> 98	<u>6/</u> 169	<u>7/</u> 106	<u>8/</u> 92		<u>6/</u> 117

1/ Calculated from quantity data shown in table 3 in this report and table 4 in U.S. Tariff Commission, Drawn or Blown Flat Glass (Sheet Glass), TC Publication 158, 1965.

2/ Index published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in the Federal Reserve Bulletin.

3/ Calculated from data on the number of public and private nonfarm new housing starts published in Department of Commerce, Business and Defense Services Administration, Construction Review.

4/ Calculated from data on the value of public residential and private nonfarm residential construction put in place, adjusted to constant dollars, published in Department of Commerce, Business and Defense Services Administration, Construction Review.

5/ January-September.

6/ January-October.

7/ January-November.

8/ January-August.

Table 5.--Sheet glass: Shipments by U.S. producers, ^{1/} and U.S. imports for consumption, by weight (per square foot) and by kinds, 1965-69, January-September 1969, and January-September 1970

Item	Weighing per square foot--							All weights		
	Not over 16 ounces, total or average	Over 16 ounces, but not over 28 ounces			Over 28 ounces			Clear	Colored	Total or average
		Clear	Colored	Total or average	Clear	Colored	Total or average			
<u>1965</u>										
U.S. shipments-----1,000 pounds--	23,954	892,339	17,806	910,145	549,260	44,544	593,804	1,465,553	62,350	1,527,903
U.S. imports-----do-----	58,640	212,570	1,168	213,738	151,516	1,428	152,944	421,910	3,413	425,323
Apparent U.S. consumption--do----	82,594	1,104,909	18,974	1,123,883	700,776	45,972	746,748	1,887,463	65,763	1,953,226
Ratio of imports to consumption-----percent--	71.0	19.2	6.2	19.0	21.6	3.1	20.5	22.4	5.2	21.8
<u>1966</u>										
U.S. shipments-----1,000 pounds--	24,824	818,766	42,978	861,744	461,100	26,796	487,896	1,304,690	69,774	1,374,464
U.S. imports-----do-----	48,059	239,973	1,301	241,274	170,949	2,271	173,220	457,385	5,169	462,554
Apparent U.S. consumption--do----	72,883	1,058,739	44,279	1,103,018	632,049	29,067	661,116	1,762,075	74,943	1,837,018
Ratio of imports to consumption-----percent--	65.9	22.7	2.9	21.9	27.0	7.8	26.2	26.0	6.9	25.2
<u>1967</u>										
U.S. shipments-----1,000 pounds--	18,966	800,123	35,612	835,735	362,732	20,126	382,858	1,181,821	55,738	1,237,559
U.S. imports-----do-----	20,114	267,395	1,658	269,053	161,009	10,719	171,728	446,407	14,488	460,895
Apparent U.S. consumption--do----	39,080	1,067,518	37,270	1,104,788	523,741	30,845	554,586	1,628,228	70,226	1,698,454
Ratio of imports to consumption-----percent--	51.5	25.0	4.4	26.8	30.7	34.8	31.0	27.4	20.6	27.1
<u>1968</u>										
U.S. shipments-----1,000 pounds--	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	1,265,862	80,272	1,346,134
U.S. imports-----do-----	18,639	387,842	1,522	389,364	194,634	26,077	220,711	599,798	28,916	628,714
Apparent U.S. consumption--do----	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	1,865,660	109,188	1,974,848
Ratio of imports to consumption-----percent--	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	32.1	26.5	31.8
<u>1969</u>										
U.S. shipments-----1,000 pounds--	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	1,362,942	62,118	1,425,060
U.S. imports-----do-----	16,442	304,507	1,865	306,372	174,931	25,561	200,492	494,870	28,436	523,306
Apparent U.S. consumption--do----	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	1,857,812	90,554	1,948,366
Ratio of imports to consumption-----percent--	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	26.6	31.4	26.9
<u>Jan.-Sept. 1969</u>										
U.S. shipments-----1,000 pounds--	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	1,034,067	48,952	1,083,019
U.S. imports-----do-----	12,149	241,745	1,259	243,004	141,022	19,177	160,199	394,331	21,021	415,352
Apparent U.S. consumption--do----	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	1,428,398	69,973	1,498,371
Ratio of imports to consumption-----percent--	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	27.6	30.0	27.7
<u>Jan.-Sept. 1970</u>										
U.S. shipments-----1,000 pounds--	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	919,026	24,534	943,560
U.S. imports-----do-----	14,175	170,184	1,554	171,738	110,441	11,266	121,707	294,034	13,886	307,620
Apparent U.S. consumption--do----	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	1,213,060	38,420	1,251,480
Ratio of imports to consumption-----percent--	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	24.2	35.6	24.6

^{1/} Producers' shipments to domestic customers. Exports (which are not reported in the same detail as imports) are believed to consist mostly of window glass; therefore, they have been deducted from U.S. shipments of clear glass weighing over 16 ounces, but not over 28 ounces per square foot.

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

Table 6.--Employment and man-hours worked in U.S. establishments in which sheet glass was produced, 1965-69

Item	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Average number of employees:					
All employees-----	11,018	10,365	9,783	9,736	9,286
Production and related workers-----	9,348	8,636	7,989	8,046	7,666
Man-hours worked by production and related workers making--					
All products-----thousands--	19,461	17,733	16,692	16,559	15,866
Sheet glass-----do-----	14,438	12,848	12,415	12,184	12,025
Other products-----do-----	5,023	4,885	4,277	4,375	3,831

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

Table 7.--Sheet glass: U.S. production and U.S. producers' end-of-period inventories, 1/ 1961-70

(In millions of pounds)

Year	Production	Inventory at end of period
1961-----	1,233	102
1962-----	1,503	160
1963-----	1,519	132
1964-----	1,554	164
1965-----	1,556	195
1966-----	1,379	141
1967-----	1,278	128
1968-----	1,362	131
1969-----	1,473	171
1970-----	1,347	<u>2/</u>

1/ Includes only inventories of glass inspected for defects and cut to the size in which it is intended to be sold; does not include inventories of glass intended to be recut before shipment.

2/ Not available.

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

Table 8.--Sheet glass: U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, 1965-69,
January-September 1969, and January-September 1970

Source	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	Jan.- Sept. 1969	Jan.- Sept. 1970
	Quantity (1,000 pounds)						
Belgium-----	122,304	142,924	134,605	170,581	127,246	104,925	68,999
West Germany-----	45,361	52,779	52,845	72,593	70,921	55,332	43,168
Japan-----	62,648	50,237	50,801	56,800	45,365	35,892	30,781
Italy-----	22,508	33,560	26,052	56,915	45,668	34,668	30,728
United Kingdom-----	30,437	38,530	36,530	48,972	41,685	32,926	13,316
Republic of China (Taiwan)-----	9,520	13,830	31,930	41,698	29,629	23,739	20,979
France-----	22,493	20,833	17,131	20,692	14,167	11,407	6,039
Finland-----	12,647	14,486	9,618	15,585	18,953	14,814	9,089
Israel-----	9,689	15,494	13,183	17,046	11,884	9,662	8,493
All other-----	49,275	39,740	43,717	81,605	77,369	62,606	47,284
Total-----	386,882	422,108	416,412	582,487	482,883	385,971	278,876
Communist-dominated countries--	38,441	40,445	44,482	46,227	40,423	29,381	28,744
Grand total-----	425,323	462,553	460,894	628,714	523,306	415,352	307,620
	Value (1,000 dollars)						
Belgium-----	7,195	8,473	9,475	12,706	10,511	8,447	6,370
West Germany-----	3,344	4,041	4,791	6,400	6,498	4,936	4,359
Japan-----	4,112	3,589	4,313	4,844	4,072	3,197	2,692
Italy-----	1,233	1,716	1,765	7,708	3,523	2,624	2,381
United Kingdom-----	1,925	2,283	2,491	3,599	3,029	2,379	1,009
Republic of China (Taiwan)-----	594	851	1,810	2,301	1,814	1,449	1,183
France-----	1,727	1,874	1,818	2,018	1,452	1,095	929
Finland-----	695	831	626	1,024	1,332	1,034	659
Israel-----	519	744	638	889	649	526	443
All other-----	2,698	2,110	2,258	986	4,880	4,044	2,958
Total-----	24,042	26,512	29,985	42,475	37,760	29,731	22,983
Communist-dominated countries--	1,446	1,662	1,824	1,869	1,718	1,234	1,306
Grand total-----	25,488	28,174	31,809	44,344	39,478	30,965	24,289

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

Table 9.--Sheet glass weighing over 16 but not over 28 ounces per square foot and measuring not over 100 united inches: ¹/ U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, 1965-69, January-September 1969, and January-September 1970

Source	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	Jan.- Sept. 1969	Jan.- Sept. 1970
Quantity (1,000 pounds)							
West Germany-----	15,492	20,822	23,004	36,736	34,434	26,939	11,903
Italy-----	7,882	21,588	20,525	38,565	32,154	24,490	12,803
Belgium-----	48,073	51,695	42,709	62,158	34,705	30,712	11,274
Japan-----	30,767	25,035	22,079	28,074	21,106	19,123	12,419
United Kingdom-----	14,711	11,684	26,474	31,793	26,602	20,118	5,914
Finland-----	6,823	8,685	8,566	14,222	16,567	13,292	6,515
Republic of China (Taiwan)-----	7,585	9,390	16,023	21,758	13,494	11,198	12,557
France-----	7,955	8,827	8,702	11,869	6,053	5,315	789
Israel-----	5,943	10,577	10,735	14,536	9,757	7,955	7,331
All other-----	34,707	31,083	34,567	63,967	51,671	39,052	48,341
Total-----	179,938	199,386	213,384	323,678	246,543	198,194	129,846
Communist-dominated countries--	23,397	29,456	38,447	40,070	36,426	25,973	26,926
Grand total-----	203,335	228,842	251,831	363,748	282,969	224,167	156,772
Value (1,000 dollars)							
West Germany-----	1,114	1,515	1,813	2,785	2,613	2,063	1,054
Italy-----	451	1,093	1,332	2,644	2,360	1,758	932
Belgium-----	2,813	3,061	2,647	3,854	2,353	2,049	921
Japan-----	2,142	1,808	1,816	2,215	1,975	1,564	1,329
United Kingdom-----	952	775	1,570	2,206	1,838	1,363	428
Finland-----	363	474	548	934	1,157	922	440
Republic of China (Taiwan)-----	475	581	905	1,163	805	664	660
France-----	572	619	721	901	552	451	180
Israel-----	305	419	501	745	517	421	375
All other-----	1,843	1,650	1,900	3,365	2,688	2,135	2,785
Total-----	11,030	11,995	13,753	20,812	16,858	13,390	9,104
Communist-dominated countries--	1,002	1,255	1,610	1,666	1,591	1,127	1,217
Grand total-----	12,032	13,250	15,363	22,478	18,449	14,517	10,321

¹ Dutiable in accordance with escape-clause provisions under TSUS appendix items 923.31, 923.33, 923.35, 923.71, 923.73, and 923.75. Such imports are reported statistically in TSUSA items 542.3120-542.3570 and 542.7100-542.7500, inclusive.

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

Table 10.--Sheet glass: ^{1/} U.S. imports for consumption entered at most-favored-nation rates of duty, by tariff provisions, 1965-69, January-September 1969, and January-September 1970

(In thousands of pounds)							
Item	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	Jan.- Sept. 1969	Jan.- Sept. 1970
Sheet glass weighing over 4 but not over 12 oz. per sq. ft. measuring in united inches--							
Not over 40-----	2,742	4,067	4,233	3,858	4,038	2,686	3,620
Over 40-----	1	107	-	78	37	20	74
Total weighing not over 12 oz. per sq. ft-----	2,743	4,174	4,233	3,936	4,075	2,706	3,694
Sheet glass weighing over 12 but not over 16 oz. per sq. ft. and measuring in united inches--							
Not over 40-----	25,436	23,958	13,442	11,458	10,467	7,828	9,303
Over 40 but not over 60-----	23,278	12,065	1,650	1,469	1,004	839	526
Over 60-----	5,350	5,068	197	302	22	16	45
Total weighing over 12 but not over 16 oz. per sq. ft-----	54,064	41,091	15,289	13,229	11,493	8,683	9,874
Sheet glass weighing over 16 but not over 28 oz. per sq. ft. and measuring in united inches--							
Not over 40-----	32,807	42,034	54,911	81,477	70,988	56,992	34,061
Over 40 but not over 60-----	77,964	86,830	92,115	136,504	99,639	80,050	55,219
Over 60 but not over 100-----	69,167	70,522	66,358	105,696	75,915	61,152	40,566
Over 100-----	10,277	12,239	17,044	25,394	23,228	18,726	14,592
Total weighing over 16 but not over 28 oz. per sq. ft-----	190,215	211,625	230,428	349,071	269,770	216,920	144,438
Sheet glass weighing over 28 oz. per sq. ft. and measuring in sq. ft.--							
Not over 2-2/3-----	16,111	17,719	20,832	31,861	26,900	20,501	15,306
Over 2-2/3 but not over 7-----	14,507	30,235	30,273	36,403	32,693	26,880	13,906
Over 7 but not over 15-----	15,975	18,926	19,166	29,800	26,503	21,086	14,442
Over 15 but not over 16-2/3---	6,259	5,381	8,076	10,298	13,191	10,356	10,596
Over 16-2/3-----	87,008	92,957	88,115	107,888	98,258	78,839	66,620
Total weighing over 28 oz. per sq. ft-----	139,860	165,218	166,462	216,250	197,545	157,662	120,870
Grand total-----	386,882	422,108	416,412	582,487	482,883	385,971	278,876

^{1/} Dutiable under TSUS items 542.11-542.25, 542.42-542.67, 542.92-542.98, and TSUS appendix items 923.31-923.77, inclusive. Imports dutiable under the TSUS appendix items are reported statistically under TSUS items 542.31-542.37, and 542.71-542.77.

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

Table 11.--Delivered prices of representative sizes of U.S. and West European sheet glass to direct-factory buyers 1/ in New York City on selected dates, 1964-70

Description and date	Delivered	Delivered	Difference by which	
	price of domestic glass	price of West European glass	West European glass was lower in delivered price than domestic	
			Amount	Percent
Single strength "B" (19-ounce), over 50, not over 60 united inches:	<u>Per 100</u> <u>sq. ft.</u>	<u>Per 100</u> <u>sq. ft.</u>	<u>Per 100</u> <u>sq. ft.</u>	
May 1, 1964-----	\$11.06	\$10.41	\$0.65	5.9
Nov. 1, 1964-----	11.06	10.41	.65	5.9
May 1, 1965-----	10.95	10.21	.74	6.8
Nov. 1, 1965-----	10.73	10.21	.52	4.8
May 1, 1966-----	10.61	10.40	.21	2.0
Nov. 1, 1966-----	11.15	10.71	.44	3.9
May 1, 1967-----	11.15	10.71	.44	3.9
Nov. 1, 1967-----	11.15	10.71	.44	3.9
May 1, 1968-----	11.82	11.35	.47	4.0
Nov. 1, 1968-----	11.58	11.35	.23	2.0
May 1, 1969-----	12.16	11.92	.24	2.0
Nov. 1, 1969-----	12.16	11.92	.24	2.0
May 1, 1970-----	12.16	11.92	.24	2.0
Nov. 1, 1970-----	11.34	11.92	<u>2/</u> .58	<u>2/</u> 5.1
Heavy sheet "B" (3/16-inch), over 16-2/3, not over 25 sq. ft.:				
May 1, 1964-----	26.99	25.72	1.27	4.7
Nov. 1, 1964-----	26.99	25.72	1.27	4.7
May 1, 1965-----	26.72	25.23	1.49	5.6
Nov. 1, 1965-----	26.72	25.23	1.49	5.6
May 1, 1966-----	27.92	26.32	1.60	5.7
Nov. 1, 1966-----	29.35	27.29	2.06	7.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 11.--Delivered prices of representative sizes of U.S. and West European sheet glass to direct-factory buyers 1/ in New York City on selected dates, 1964-70--Continued

Description and date	Delivered	Delivered	Difference by which	
	price of domestic glass	price of West European glass	West European glass was lower in delivered price than domestic	
			Amount	Percent
Heavy sheet "B" (3/16-inch), over 16-2/3, not over 25 sq. ft.--Con.	Per 100 sq. ft.	Per 100 sq. ft.	Per 100 sq. ft.	
May 1, 1967-----	\$29.35	\$27.29	\$2.06	7.0
Nov. 1, 1967-----	29.35	27.29	2.06	7.0
May 1, 1968-----	31.11	28.92	2.19	7.0
Nov. 1, 1969-----	30.48	28.92	1.56	5.1
May 1, 1969-----	32.01	30.37	1.64	5.1
Nov. 1, 1969-----	32.01	30.37	1.64	5.1
May 1, 1970-----	32.01	30.37	1.64	5.1
Nov. 1, 1970-----	30.61	30.37	.24	.8

1/ Direct-factory buyers are those distributors, jobbers, fabricators, and processors selected by the individual producers as the only concerns that can buy sheet glass directly from the factory. Other concerns desiring to purchase sheet glass in carload lots must purchase their glass from the direct-factory buyers at higher prices. Sales agents for the principal foreign manufacturers generally sell only to firms previously recognized by the domestic producer as direct-factory buyers.

2/ West European glass higher in delivered price than domestic glass.

Source: Compiled from manufacturers' and sales agents' pricelists.

Note.--Prices reflect payment discounts and discounts for packing in standard pallets. Prices do not reflect special discounts for large-volume orders, shipments of special stock sizes, or shipments in extra heavy pallets. Customs brokerage, loading, and trucking charges have been added to the prices of the imported glass in effect May 1, 1964, through May 1, 1966.

