

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

In the Matter of)	
)	Investigation No.
)	731-TA-1069 (Final)
OUTBOARD ENGINES FROM JAPAN)	
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**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION TO CONDUCT
A PORTION OF THE HEARING *IN CAMERA***

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Closure of a portion of a Commission hearing.

SUMMARY: Upon request of respondents American Honda Motor Co., Inc. and Honda Motor Co., Ltd., American Suzuki Motor Corporation and Suzuki Motor Corporation, Nissan Marine Co., Ltd., Tohatsu America Corporation, Tohatsu Corporation, and Tohatsu Marine Corporation, and Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd., Yamaha Marine Company, Ltd., and Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. (collectively "Japanese Respondents"), the Commission has determined to conduct a portion of its hearing in the above-captioned investigation scheduled for December 14, 2004, *in camera*. See Commission rules 207.24(d), 201.13(m) and 201.36(b)(4) (19 C.F.R. §§ 207.24(d), 201.13(m) and 201.36(b)(4)). The remainder of the hearing will be open to the public. The Commission has determined that the seven-day advance notice of the change to a meeting was not possible. See Commission rule 201.35(a), (c)(1) (19 C.F.R. § 201.35(a), (c)(1)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen V. Driscoll, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-3092. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-3105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission believes that Japanese Respondents have justified the need for a closed session. Japanese Respondents seek a closed session to allow for a discussion of business proprietary purchasing, pricing, and financial information. In making this decision, the Commission nevertheless reaffirms its belief that whenever possible its business should be conducted in public.

The hearing will include the usual public presentations by the petitioners and by respondents, with questions from the Commission. In addition, the hearing will include a 10-minute *in camera* session for a confidential presentation by respondents followed by a 10-minute *in camera* rebuttal presentation by petitioners. Questions from the Commission relating to the BPI will follow each of the *in camera* presentations. During the *in camera* session the room will be cleared of all persons except those who have been granted access to BPI under a Commission administrative protective order (APO) and are included on the Commission's APO service list in this investigation. See 19 C.F.R. § 201.35(b)(1), (2).

The time for the parties' presentations and rebuttals in the *in camera* session will be taken from their respective overall allotments for the hearing. All persons planning to attend the *in camera* portions of the hearing should be prepared to present proper identification.

AUTHORITY: The Acting General Counsel has certified, pursuant to Commission Rule 201.39 (19 C.F.R. § 201.39) that, in his opinion, a portion of the Commission's hearing in *Outboard Engines from Japan*, Inv. No. 731-TA-1069 (Final), may be closed to the public to prevent the disclosure of BPI.

By order of the Commission.

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Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

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