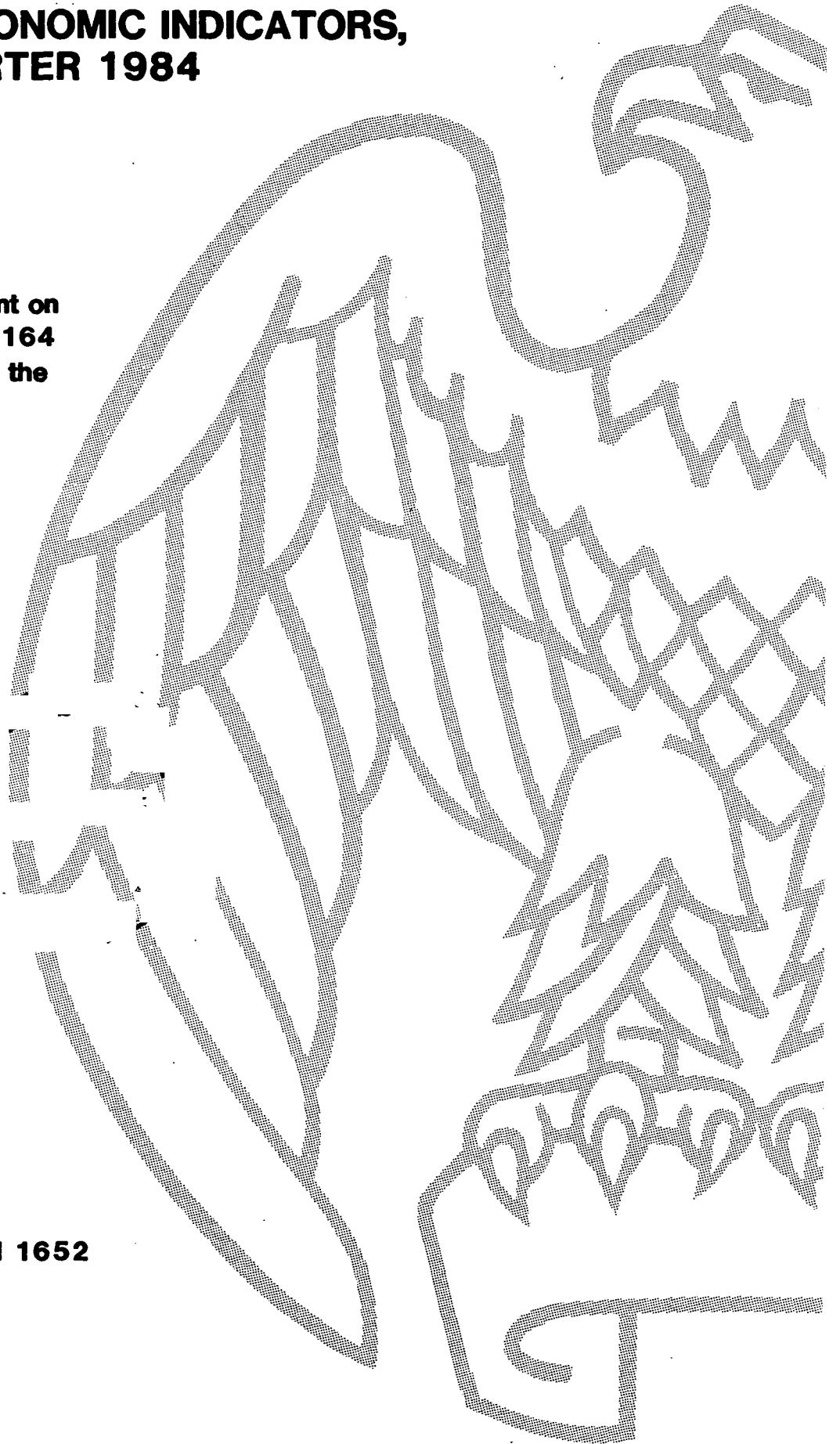


HEAVYWEIGHT MOTORCYCLES: SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS, FOURTH QUARTER 1984

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Highlights

The following are highlights of the economic data collected on the heavyweight motorcycle industry for the fourth quarter of 1984, compared with data collected for the fourth quarter of 1983. Since most data obtained by the Commission regarding the domestic heavyweight motorcycle industry are business confidential (even in the aggregate), little information concerning the domestic industry is available in the public report.

- o U.S. production of heavyweight motorcycles decreased to 21,020 units during October–December 1984, and U.S. shipments of heavyweight motorcycles decreased to 18,662 units valued at \$84.9 million during the same period. In addition, retail sales, exports, and inventories increased during October–December 1984, compared with the corresponding period of 1983.
- o The average net selling price for U.S.–produced heavyweight motorcycles increased from \$3,989 during October–December 1983, to \$4,554 during October–December 1984.
- o Total average employment decreased from 3,421 persons during October–December 1983, to 3,213 persons during October–December 1984, and total hours worked by production and related workers also decreased during the comparative periods.
- o U.S. imports of heavyweight motorcycles increased from 2,444 units valued at \$7.9 million in October–December 1983, to 11,123 units valued at \$32.8 million in October–December 1984 (table 1).
- o Import shipments declined from 15,069 units in October–December 1983, to 8,929 units in October–December 1984, or by 41 percent (table 2).
- o Retail sales of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 10,682 units in October–December 1983, to 6,790 units in October–December 1984, or by 36 percent (table 3).
- o Inventories of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 177,764 units as of October–December 1983, to 125,832 units as of October–December 1984, or by over 29 percent (tables 4 and 5).

Table 1.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. imports for consumption,
October–December 1983, and October–December 1984

(Quantity in units; value in thousands of dollars)

Period	Quantity	Value
October–December 1983	2,444	7,909
October–December 1984	11,123	32,830

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

Table 2.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. import shipments,
October–December 1983, and October–December 1984

(Quantity in units; value in thousands of dollars)

Period	Quantity	Value
October–December 1983	15,069	21,226
October–December 1984	8,929	28,653

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

Table 3.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' retail sales, by
engine sizes, October–December 1983, and October–December 1984

(In units)

Item	Oct.– Dec. 1983	Oct.– Dec. 1984
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc	5,779	2,483
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc	1,338	956
Over 970 cc	3,565	3,351
Total	10,682	6,790

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

Table 4.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' end-of-period inventories, by engine sizes, December 31, 1983, and December 31, 1984

(In units)

Item	Dec. 31, 1983	Dec. 31, 1984
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc	56,016	29,401
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc	21,785	15,559
Over 970 cc	16,828	14,143
Total	94,629	59,063

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

Table 5.—Heavyweight motorcycles: Dealers' end-of-period inventories of imported motorcycles, by engine sizes, December 31, 1983, and December 31, 1984

(In units)

Item	Dec. 31, 1983	Dec. 31, 1984
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc	45,752	32,153
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc	13,147	7,221
Over 970 cc	24,236	27,395
Total	83,135	66,769

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