

HEAVYWEIGHT MOTORCYCLES: QUARTERLY REPORT (COVERING FOURTH QUARTER OF 1986) ON SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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Highlights

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

- o U.S. production of heavyweight motorcycles decreased to 18,084 units during October-December 1986 from 29,451 units during October-December 1985, or by 38.6 percent (table 1). U.S. producers' shipments of heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 21,948 units, during October-December 1985 to 15,596 units, during October-December 1986. Retail sales, exports, and dealers' inventories decreased during October-December 1986, compared with the corresponding period of 1985.
- o The average unit net selling price for U.S.-produced heavyweight motorcycles increased from \$4,494 during October-December 1985, to \$5,230 during October-December 1986.
- o Total employment increased from 3,021 workers as of December 1985 to 3,025 workers as of December 1986, but total hours worked by production and related workers decreased in December 1986, compared with the same period in 1985.
- o U.S. imports of heavyweight motorcycles decreased to 4,917 units in the fourth quarter of 1986 compared with 8,308 units in the fourth quarter of 1985, or by 40.8 percent.
- o U.S. shipments of imported heavyweight motorcycles rose from 3,983 units in October-December 1985 to 4,693 units in October-December 1986, or by 17.8 percent (table 2).
- o U.S. importers' retail sales of imported heavyweight motorcycles increased from 4,814 units in October-December 1985 to 5,328 units in October-December 1986, or by 10.7 percent (table 3).
- o Combined importers' and dealers' inventories of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 81,236 units as of December 31, 1985, to 48,103 units as of December 31, 1986, or by 40.8 percent (tables 4 and 5).

Table 1.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. production,
October-December 1985, and October-December 1986

(In units)

Period	Quantity
October-December 1985.....	29,451
October-December 1986.....	18,084

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 1985, and October-December 1986

(Quantity in units; value in thousands of dollars)

Period	Quantity	Value
October-December 1985.....	3,983	13,431
October-December 1986.....	4,693	21,066

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 1985, and October-December 1986

(In units)

Item	October- December 1985	October- December 1986
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc.....	1,585	1,939
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc.....	723	591
Over 970 cc.....	2,506	2,798
Total.....	4,814	5,328

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

