

# **HEAVYWEIGHT MOTORCYCLES: ANNUAL REPORT (COVERING 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 calendar year 1986, compared with data collected for calendar year 1985. Since virtually all 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. producers' and dealers' inventories of heavyweight motorcycles decreased as of December 31, 1986, compared with December 31, 1985.
- o Unfilled orders as of December 31, 1986, increased somewhat when compared with December 31, 1985.
- o U.S. production capacity increased slightly during the comparative periods, however, capacity utilization decreased.
- o Inventories of imported heavyweight motorcycles held by U.S. importers decreased from 23,082 units as of December 31, 1985 to 16,282 units as of December 31, 1986, or by 29 percent (table 1).
- o Inventories held by dealers of imported heavyweight motorcycles declined from 58,154 units as of December 31, 1985 to 31,821 units as of December 31, 1986, or by 45 percent (table 2).
- o The average net selling price of imported heavyweight motorcycles increased from \$3,939 during October-December 1985 to \$5,526 during October-December 1986 (table 3).

Table 1.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' end-of-period inventories, by engine sizes, December 31, 1985, and December 31, 1986

(In units)		
Item	December 31, 1985	December 31, 1986
Over 700cc but not over 790cc	6,115	3,210
Over 790cc but not over 970cc	5,630	542
Over 970cc	11,337	12,530
Total	23,082	16,282

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

Table 2.—Heavyweight motorcycles: Dealers' end-of-period inventories of imported motorcycles, by engine sizes, December 31, 1985, and December 31, 1986

(In units)		
Item	December 31, 1985	December 31, 1986
Over 700cc but not over 790cc	31,045	10,857
Over 790cc but not over 970cc	6,146	2,697
Over 970cc	20,963	18,267
Total	58,154	31,821

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

Table 3.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' average net selling prices, by engine sizes, October–December 1985, and October–December 1986

Item	October–December 1985	October–December 1986
Over 700cc but not over 790cc	\$3,573	\$4,323
Over 790cc but not over 970cc	3,874	4,439
Over 970cc	4,669	5,698
Average	3,939	5,526

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

