

# **HEAVYWEIGHT MOTORCYCLES: ANNUAL REPORT (COVERING 1983) 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 1983, compared with data collected for calendar year 1982. 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. inventories of heavyweight motorcycles increased as of December 31, 1983, compared with December 31, 1982.
- o Unfilled orders as of December 31, 1983, however, declined somewhat when compared with December 31, 1982.
- o U.S. production capacity and capacity utilization remained steady during the comparative periods.
- o Inventories of imported heavyweight motorcycles held by U.S. importers decreased from 130,492 units as of December 31, 1982 to 94,629 units as of December 31, 1983, or by 27 percent (table 1).
- o Inventories held by dealers of imported heavyweight motorcycles declined from 97,537 units as of December 31, 1982 to 83,135 units as of December 31, 1983, or by 15 percent (table 2).
- o The average net selling price of imported heavyweight motorcycles increased from \$2,747 during October-December 1982 to \$3,415 during October-December 1983 (table 3).



Table 1.--Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' end-of-period inventories, by engine sizes, December 31, 1982, and December 31, 1983

(In units)		
Item	December 31, 1982	December 31, 1983
Over 700cc but not over 790cc-----	78,718	56,016
Over 790cc but not over 970cc-----	24,271	21,785
Over 970cc-----	27,503	16,828
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>130,492</b>	<b>94,629</b>

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, 1982, and December 31, 1983

(In units)		
Item	December 31, 1982	December 31, 1983
Over 700cc but not over 790cc-----	62,422	45,752
Over 790cc but not over 970cc-----	13,309	13,147
Over 970cc-----	21,806	24,236
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>97,537</b>	<b>83,135</b>

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 1982, and October-December 1983

Item	October-December 1982	October-December 1983
Over 700cc but not over 790cc-----	\$2,579	\$2,531
Over 790cc but not over 970cc-----	2,977	3,564
Over 970cc-----	3,110	3,965
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>2,747</b>	<b>3,415</b>

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