

**HEAVYWEIGHT MOTORCYCLES:
QUARTERLY REPORT
(COVERING FOURTH QUARTER
OF 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 the fourth quarter of 1983, compared with data collected for the fourth quarter of 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. production, shipments, exports, and inventories increased in October-December 1983, compared with October-December 1982, and U.S. retail sales declined during the comparative periods.
- o The average net selling price for U.S.-produced heavyweight motorcycles increased from \$3,445 during October-December 1982, to \$3,989 during October-December 1983.
- o Total average employment increased from 3,016 persons during October-December 1982, to 3,421 persons during October-December 1983, and total hours worked by production and related workers also increased during the comparative periods.
- o U.S. imports of heavyweight motorcycles declined from 48,145 units in October-December 1982, to 2,444 units in October-December 1983 (table 1).
- o Import shipments declined from 34,519 units in October-December 1982, to 15,069 units in October-December 1983 (table 2).
- o Retail sales of imported heavyweight motorcycles dropped from 11,142 units in October-December 1982, to 10,682 units in October-December 1983 (table 3).
- o Inventories of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 228,029 units held as of December 31, 1982, to 177,764 units held as of December 31, 1983, or by 22 percent (tables 4 and 5).

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Table 1.--Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. imports for consumption, October-December 1982, and October-December 1983

(Quantity in units; value in thousands of dollars)

| Period | Quantity | Value |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|
| October-December 1982----- | 48,145 | 99,859 |
| October-December 1983----- | 2,444 | 7,909 |

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 1982, and October-December 1983

(Quantity in units; value in thousands of dollars)

| Period | Quantity | Value |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|
| October-December 1982----- | 34,519 | 94,782 |
| October-December 1983----- | 15,069 | 38,938 |

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 1982, and October-December 1983

(In units)

| Item | October-December 1982 | October-December 1983 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc----- | 6,814 | 5,779 |
| Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc----- | 1,362 | 1,338 |
| Over 970 cc----- | 2,966 | 3,565 |
| Total----- | 11,142 | 10,682 |

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, 1982, and December 31, 1983

(In units)

| Item | December 31, 1982 | December 31, 1983 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc-----: | 78,718 : | 56,016 |
| Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc-----: | 24,271 : | 21,785 |
| Over 970 cc-----: | 27,503 : | 16,828 |
| Total-----: | 130,492 : | 94,629 |

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, 1982, and December 31, 1983

(In units)

| Item | December 31, 1982 | December 31, 1983 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc-----: | 62,422 : | 45,752 |
| Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc-----: | 13,309 : | 13,147 |
| Over 970 cc-----: | 21,806 : | 24,236 |
| Total-----: | 97,537 : | 83,135 |

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