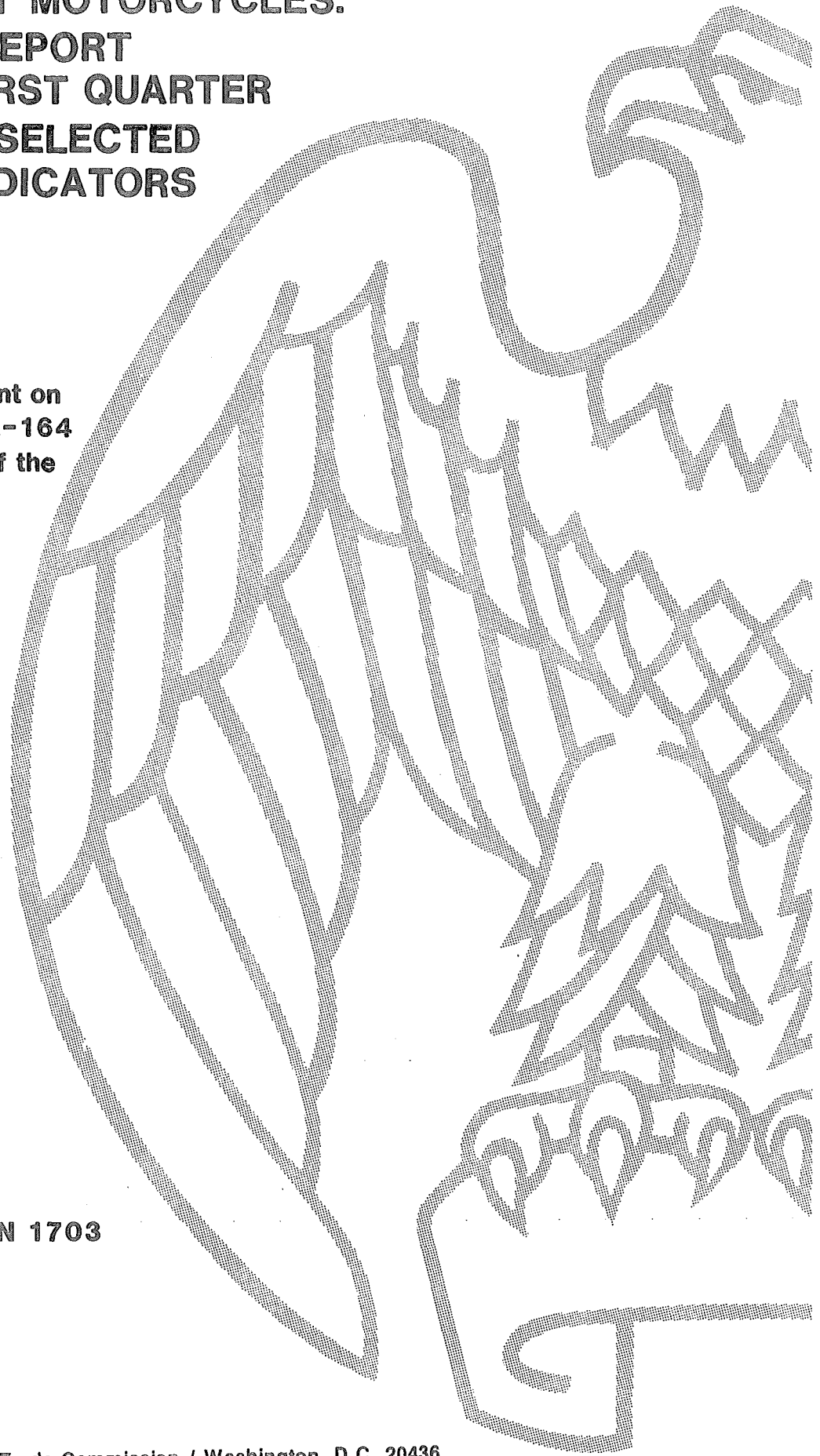


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Highlights

The following are highlights of the economic data collected on the heavyweight motorcycle industry for the first quarter of 1985, compared with data collected for the first quarter of 1984. 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 25,331 units during January-March 1985 (table 1), and U.S. shipments of heavyweight motorcycles decreased to 17,031 units valued at \$76 million during the same period. In addition, exports also decreased during January-March 1985, compared with the corresponding period of 1984, and retail sales and inventories increased.
- o The average net selling price for U.S.-produced heavyweight motorcycles increased from \$4,001 during January-March 1984, to \$4,492 during January-March 1985.
- o Total average employment decreased from 3,463 persons during January-March 1984, to 3,173 persons during January-March 1985, and total hours worked by production and related workers also decreased during the comparative periods.
- o Import shipments dropped from 26,936 units in January-March 1984, to 23,152 units in January-March 1985, or by 14 percent (table 2).
- o Retail sales of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 17,601 units in January-March 1984, to 16,273 units in January-March 1985, or by 8 percent (table 3).
- o Inventories of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 170,367 units as of March 31, 1984, to 124,508 units as of March 31, 1985, or by 27 percent (tables 4 and 5).

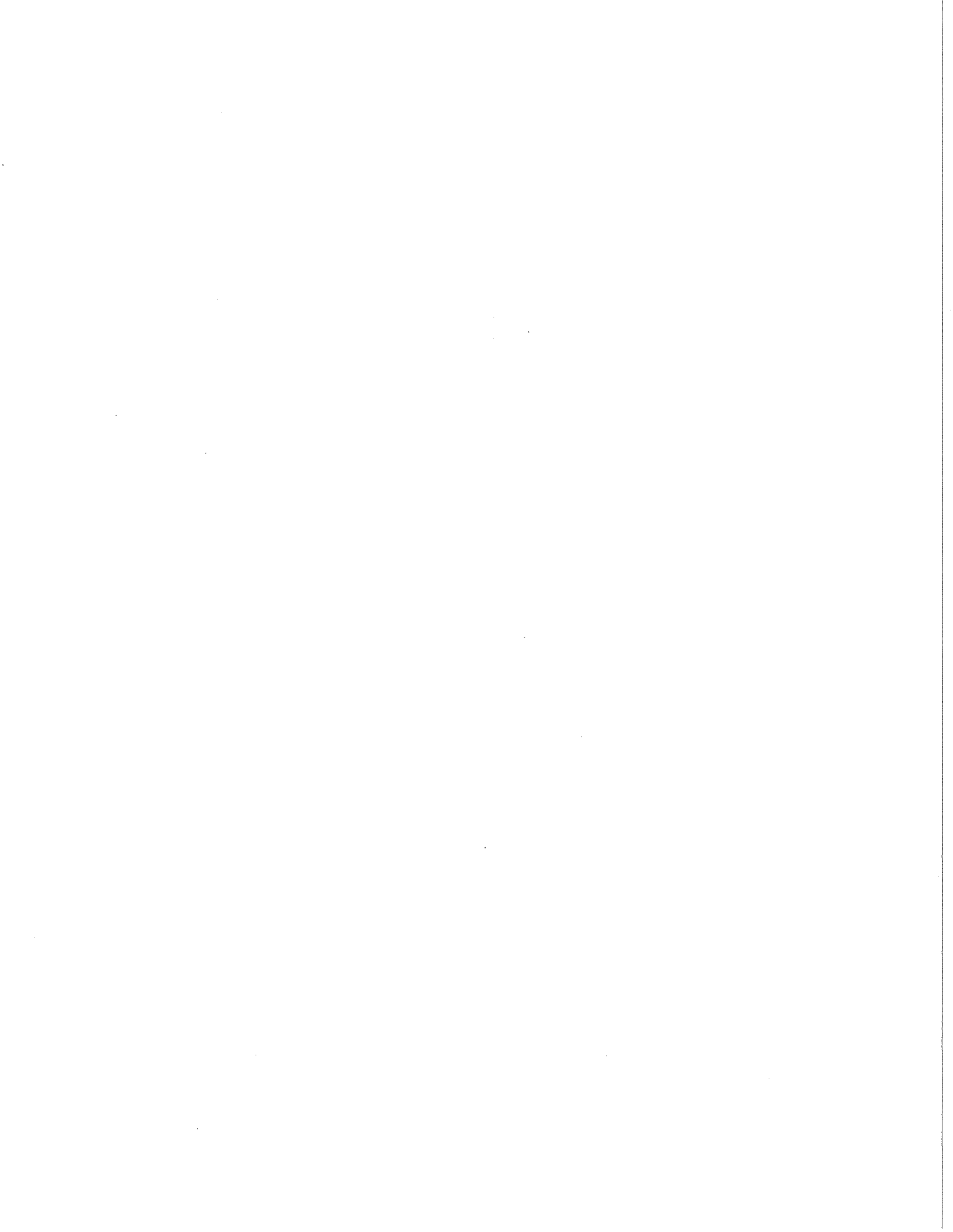


Table 1.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. production
January–March 1984, and January–March 1985

(In units)	
Period	Quantity
January–March 1984	38,047
January–March 1985	25,331

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

Table 2.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. import shipments,
January–March 1984, and January–March 1985

(Quantity in units; value in thousands of dollars)		
Period	Quantity	Value
January–March 1984	26,936	77,070
January–March 1985	23,152	70,442

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, January–March 1984, and January–March 1985

(In units)		
Item	January– March 1984	January– March 1985
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc	8,619	7,420
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc	2,872	2,187
Over 970 cc	6,110	6,666
Total	17,601	16,273

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, Mar. 31, 1984, and Mar. 31, 1985

(In units)

Item	Mar. 31, 1984	Mar. 31, 1985
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc	44,785	20,535
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc	18,856	13,417
Over 970 cc	14,958	13,785
Total	78,599	47,737

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, Mar. 31, 1984, and Mar. 31, 1985

(In units)

Item	Mar. 31, 1984	Mar. 31, 1985
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc	48,726	39,628
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc	12,854	7,964
Over 970 cc	30,188	29,179
Total	91,768	76,771

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