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IMPORT PENETRATION OF PRINCIPAL CATEGORIES OF THE UNITED STATES FLAT GLASS INDUSTRY

	1965	1966	1967
PLATE OR FLOAT GLASS			
- As % of Total U. S. Flat Glass Market - Share of U. S. Plate or Float Glass	21.8%	21.9%	22.5%
Market Supplied by Imports	7.9%	10.8%	12.3%
SHEET GLASS			
- As % of Total U. S. Flat Glass Market - Share of U. S. Sheet Glass Market	62.5%	63.5%	63.5%
Supplied by Imports	23.8%	26.3%	27.7%
CAST OR ROUGH ROLLED GLASS			
- As % of Total U. S. Flat Glass Market - Share of U. S. Cast or Rough Rolled	3.5%	3.7%	3.4%
Glass Market Supplied by Imports	31.6%	32.7%	32.3%
TOTAL OF ABOVE CATEGORIES			
- As % of Total U. S. Flat Glass Market - Share of Above Categories Supplied	87.8%	89.1%	89.4%
by Imports	20.1%	22.7%	24.0%

Source: Appendix Table E.

The steady increase in the share of the market captured by foreign products shown by the above table confronts the domestic industry with difficult yet urgent issues. Under the impact of the partial repeal of President Kennedy's escape clause action, taken by the Executive in January 1967, it is evident that market penetration of sheet glass is on the march and that this will be accelerated by the action now under consideration by the Government of removing the remainder of the escape clause rates in 1970.