

import statistics on anti-friction bearings are so rudimentary as to be valueless. Imports of bearings are categorized between balls, rollers, ball bearings and roller bearings. Appendix C contains correspondence by the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning on the problems and deficiencies in U. S. import data on bearings. Secretary of Commerce Conner, in a letter to the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning concerning the Section 232 Investigation, stated:

"In our attempt to make a determination of the validity of the industry's claims, we were hampered by the lack of detailed import figures."

The Association submits that data on imports must approximate data on domestic production if responsible government agencies are to properly implement the trade legislation enacted by the Congress. The AFBMA has petitioned the Committee for Statistical Annotation of Tariff Schedules for statistical breakouts by size, precision and number of units. Some improvement has been made in roller bearing statistics but much remains to be done in regards to ball bearings.

The bearing industry has been consistently handicapped by insufficient records and data on imports. This dilemma is well illustrated by the industry's recent experiences with integral shaft bearings. These bearings were an innovation of the industry designed to conserve space