

LAWN TENNIS BALLS

Year	Domestic shipments (dozen)	Imports (dozen)	Total, domestic shipments plus imports (dozen)	Percentage of imports to total domestic shipments plus imports (percent)
1957.....	591,032	145,919	736,951	19.8
1958.....	630,018	154,173	784,191	19.7
1959.....	747,976	266,342	1,014,318	26.3
1960.....	746,415	341,059	1,087,474	31.4
1961.....	689,999	348,372	1,038,371	33.5
1962.....	880,185	370,373	1,250,558	29.6
1963.....	878,815	399,820	1,278,635	31.3
1964.....	977,849	494,875	1,472,724	33.6
1965.....	1,044,748	656,541	1,701,289	38.6

Source: Figures for sales by domestic producers taken from the Athletic Goods Manufacturers Association annual census report which represents about 85 percent of domestic shipments; imports from Official Statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census.

Mr. BURKE. Thank you, Mr. Holmes. We appreciate your bringing these charts here. They are very graphic and apparently indicate that the foreign producers are taking over the American market in your industry.

Are there any questions?

Mr. BUSH. I have one personal question as a tennis player. How much of that import increase is due to those steel rackets?

Mr. HOLMES. There is none due to a steel racket. A steel racket is a recent innovation on the part of the American manufacturer.

Mr. BUSH. Aren't they mostly made in France, those steel frames?

Mr. HOLMES. The steel racket retails at \$40 strung with nylon, and \$50 with gut; and there is a very limited segment of the market for this.

Mr. BUSH. Aren't those French? I thought they were French patented, or something like that.

Mr. HOLMES. It so happens that the company I am with actually produces the steel racket; and all of the steel frames are made domestically.

Mr. BUSH. I got Wilson's, but I thought somebody told me they were patented in France.

Mr. HOLMES. We operate under a French license.

Mr. BUSH. That is domestic production?

Mr. HOLMES. Yes; it is.

Mr. BUSH. It was excellent testimony, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you.

(The following statement was received, for the record, by the committee:)

STATEMENT OF THE SPORTING ARMS & AMMUNITION MANUFACTURERS' INSTITUTE,
BY ROBERT C. ZIMMER, COUNSEL

I. SUPPORT OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF SPORTING ARMS AND
AMMUNITION

The Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute's (SAAMI), New York, N.Y., statement in support of quantitative restrictions on imports of sporting arms and ammunition is submitted on behalf of the following U.S. manufacturers, who together produce over 75 percent of all American sporting shoulder arms and approximately 95 percent of all sporting ammunition:

Colt's Firearms Division (Colt Industries, Inc.).

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc.