

On the basis of the above process, the following products and product groups were selected to be the subject of this report:

- Hose, pipe and tubing, nspf*, of rubber or plastics, with or without attached fittings (Schedule A 8910100).
- Household articles, nspf*, of rubber or plastics (Schedule A 8910760).
- Containers, nspf*, of rubber or plastics for packaging merchandise (Schedule A 8910935).
- Gaskets of rubber or plastics (Schedule A 8910960).
- Articles of rubber or plastics, nspf* (Schedule 8910980).

U.S. IMPORTS 1982-87

A breakdown of 1986 imports of selected plastic products by country is presented in Appendix 4. Europe and Japan captured a 40.6% share of the 1986 market, while Canada's share was 23.2%. Total imports of these products is expected to reach over \$2.1 billion (U.S.) in 1987 (see Chart 1, below), up from \$2.0 billion (U.S.) in 1986. Annual growth in imports averaged 20.7% for the period 1982 to 1987. During this period Japan and European countries experienced declines in their relative market positions, while Canada's share became more stable. Average growth of imports from other countries during this period was 25.9%, with much of the growth accounted for by Taiwan and Hong Kong. Appendix 5 presents U.S. imports from 1982 to 1987 for each of the selected product groups.

* not specifically provided for