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Appraisement (setting trade value) is being withheld by the U. S. Treasury Department from some electric golf cars imported from Poland pending an investigation. This investigation is to determine if the cars, imported into the country by Melex U.S.A., Inc. are being sold in the U.S. at less than fair value. If it is decided by June 14 American manufacturers have been injured, the International Trade Commission will conduct a three-month investigation scanning the U.S. market for golf cars. If the ITC decides the golf cars are being sold at less than fair value, a duty will be charged on all Melex golf cars brought into the country since March 14, the date of the withholding action. The ITC decision would come on or before September 14. The investigation stems from a complaint made March 14, 1974, by Cushman Motors Div., OMC Corp., manufacturers of Cushman golf cars.

OSHA has developed a self-teaching course in the principles and practices of on-the-job safety for first-line supervisors. The course consists of an administrator's manual that provides instructions to the person who will administer the course, plus six booklets containing 14 lessons. The format of the course is based on a programmed instruction technique in which students, using course materials, teach themselves. Entitled "Principles and Practices of Occupational Safety and Health - A Programmed Instruction Course," the booklets may be ordered from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20409.

Rebates reached the Green Industry when International Harvester announced a nationwide direct sales rebate to retail customers of most industrial equipment models. Pay Line Division Marketing Vice President, J. L. Adams said the program will serve a two-fold purpose: "First, it will increase the cash flow in the economy, both national and local, and second, it should more firmly establish Pay Line Division's already strong position in the highly competitive industrial equipment market." Rebates vary from \$300 to \$1,500 depending on the price of the unit for a three month period, effective April 1, 1975.

Pioneer Chain Saws will move into a 160,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in Peterborough, Ont. this spring. Thomas P. McMillan, president of OMC Corp. of Canada, Ltd., said the facility will augment chain saw production in the main 500,000-sq. ft. facility already in Peterborough. He said the combined plants will enable Pioneer to double its production capability.

OSHA boss, John H. Stender, recently announced a program to more actively involve states in the development of workplace safety and health standards. Stender said OSHA will send draft standards to certain states for their review and comment before OSHA proposes them for public comment. States with OSHA-approved plans for their own job safety and health programs, may participate on request and also may participate during public comment periods on final proposals. Interested states will be sent copies of standards drafts as they become ready for technical review.