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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Benkel Michael R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., 100
 PIER 1 PLACE

(Street)

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PIER 1 IMPORTS INC/DE [PIR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

06/29/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Exec VP-Planning & Allocations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
common stock	06/29/2012		J(1)	V 241.1193 A \$ 15.912	82,242.4957	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				Amount or Number of Shares
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Benkel Michael R C/O PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC. 100 PIER 1 PLACE FORT WORTH, TX 76102			Exec VP-Planning & Allocations		

Signatures

/s/ Michael R. Benkel By: Michael A. Carter, Atty-in-Fact 07/02/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) On June 29, 2012, the Pier 1 Imports, Inc. Stock Purchase Plan, restated as amended, purchased in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), 241.1193 shares of common stock for the reporting person's account. Such shares were purchased at approximately \$ 15.9120 per share, the average of the closing prices of the Issuer's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange for each Friday in the month of June 2012, during which contributions were credited to the reporting person's account for the purchase of common stock.
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