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January 16, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 10, 2014

PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-07832 75-1729843

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation or organization)

File Number) Identification

Number)

100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, Texas 76102

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

817-252-8000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item Other Events. 8.01

On January 10, 2014, Charles H. Turner, the Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Pier 1 Imports, Inc. (the "Company"), adopted a 10b5-1 stock trading plan. Mr. Turner's plan provides for the sale of shares of the Company's common stock owned by Mr. Turner and shares of the Company's common stock to be received by Mr. Turner upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Turner on June 28, 2004 and July 1, 2005. Under the plan, beginning on February 10, 2014, a brokerage firm will be authorized to sell a certain number of shares periodically at market price, and the brokerage firm will be authorized to periodically exercise Mr. Turner's stock options and sell the issued shares provided the stock price is above certain levels. The plan expires on July 11, 2014. The maximum number of shares that can be sold over the duration of the plan is 79,000 shares, which number includes 64,000 shares to be received upon exercise of stock options.

The foregoing trading plan is intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Company's insider trading policy. Rule 10b5-1 allows individuals who are not in possession of material, non-public information at the time a stock trading plan is adopted to establish prearranged written plans to buy or sell a specified number of shares of a company's stock. Trading under the foregoing plan is generally based on reaching certain pre-determined minimum price conditions. The foregoing trading plan provides for sales over a set period of time with the goals of minimizing any market impact from such stock sales and gradually diversifying the individual's investment portfolio, while maintaining such individual's compliance with the Company's voluntary stock ownership guidelines.

Transactions under the foregoing trading plan will be disclosed publicly through Form 4 and Form 144 filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, to the extent required by law.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC.

Date: January 16, 2014 By: /s/ Michael A. Carter

Michael A. Carter, Senior Vice President -

General Counsel, Secretary