

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>TOWLE &amp; CO</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1610 DES PERES RD, SUITE 250 <hr/> (Street) ST. LOUIS MO 63131 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b> 02/01/2018	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>PIER 1 IMPORTS INC/DE [ PIR ]</u>	
		<b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	8,722,580	I	See Footnote 1 <sup>(1)</sup>

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Towle & Co. is an SEC regulated investment advisor. The number of shares beneficially owned represent shares in client separately managed accounts, which Towle & Co. has trading authority; one investment partnership, which Towle & Co. serves as general partner; one 1940 Act Mutual Fund, which Towle & Co. serves as advisor; and one 1940 Act Mutual Fund and two UCITs based in Ireland, which Towle & Co. servers as subadvisor.

/s/ Christopher D. Towle      02/07/2018  
 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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