

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC
Form SC 13G
February 14, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

(Rule 13d-102)

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c) AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)**

(Amendment No. __)*

PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

720279108

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1 (b)

Rule 13d-1 (c)

Rule 13d-1 (d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes.)

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Warren E. Buffett

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) x

(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States Citizen

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF	NONE
SHARES	6 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY	
OWNED BY	8,000,000
EACH	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	
PERSON	NONE
WITH	8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8,000,000

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,000,000

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable.

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

9.31%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IN, HC

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) x

(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

State of Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF NONE

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 8,000,000

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON NONE

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8,000,000

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

HC, CO

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

OBH, Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) x

(b) ..

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

State of Delaware

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NUMBER OF	NONE
SHARES	6 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY	
OWNED BY	8,000,000
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HC, CO

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

National Indemnity Company

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) x

(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

State of Nebraska

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF	NONE
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6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY	8,000,000
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7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON	NONE
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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IC, CO

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

GEICO Corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) x

(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

State of Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF	NONE
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6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY	8,000,000
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7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON	NONE
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HC, CO

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Government Employees Insurance Company

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) x

(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

State of Maryland

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF	NONE
SHARES	6 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY	
OWNED BY	8,000,000
EACH	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	
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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IC, CO

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Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer

Pier 1 Imports, Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

301 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Item 2 (a). Name of Person Filing:

Item 2 (b). Address of Principal Business Office:

Item 2 (c). Citizenship:

Warren E. Buffett

1440 Kiewit Plaza

Omaha, Nebraska 68131

United States Citizen

Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

1440 Kiewit Plaza

Omaha, Nebraska 68131

Delaware corporation

OBH, Inc.

1440 Kiewit Plaza

Omaha, Nebraska 68131

Delaware corporation

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National Indemnity Company

3024 Harney Street

Omaha, Nebraska 68131

Nebraska corporation

GEICO Corporation

1 Geico Plaza

Washington, D.C. 20076

Delaware corporation

Government Employees Insurance Company

1 Geico Plaza

Washington, D.C. 20076

Maryland corporation

(d) Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number

720279108

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Warren E. Buffett (an individual who may be deemed to control Berkshire Hathaway Inc.), Berkshire Hathaway Inc., OBH, Inc., and GEICO Corporation are each a Parent Holding Company or Control Person, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G) (Note: See Item 7).

National Indemnity Company and Government Employees Insurance Company are each an Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act.

The Reporting Persons together are a Group in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership.

If the percent of the class owned, as of December 31 of the year covered by the statement, or as of the last day of any month described in Rule 13d-1(b)(2), if applicable, exceeds five percent, provide the following information as of that date and identify those shares which there is a right to acquire.

(a) Amount beneficially Owned

See the Cover Pages for each of the Reporting Persons.

(b) Percent of Class

See the Cover Pages for each of the Reporting Persons.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote
- (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

See the Cover Pages for each of the Reporting Persons.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

See Exhibit A.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

See Exhibit A.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 2005

Date

/s/ Warren E. Buffett

Signature

Warren E. Buffett

Name

February 14, 2005

Date

/s/ Warren E. Buffett

Signature

Warren E. Buffett, Chairman of the Board

Name/Title

OBH, INC.

February 14, 2005

Date

/s/ Warren E. Buffett

Signature

Warren E. Buffett, Chairman of the Board

Name/Title

GEICO Corporation

February 14, 2005

Date

/s/ Warren E. Buffett

Signature

Warren E. Buffett, Chairman of the Board

Name/Title

Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

February 14, 2005

Date

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Name/Title

National Indemnity Company

February 14, 2005

Date

/s/ Warren E. Buffett

Signature

Warren E. Buffett, Chairman of the Board

Name/Title

Government Employees Insurance Company

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EXHIBIT A

RELEVANT SUBSIDIARIES AND MEMBERS OF FILING GROUP

PARENT HOLDING COMPANIES OR CONTROL PERSONS:

Warren E. Buffett (an individual who may be deemed to control Berkshire Hathaway Inc.)

Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

OBH, Inc.

GEICO Corporation

INSURANCE COMPANIES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(a)(19) OF THE ACT:

National Indemnity Company

Government Employees Insurance Company

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EXHIBIT B

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(k)(1)

The undersigned persons agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with their beneficial ownership of the Common Stock of Pier 1 Imports, Inc.

Dated: February 14, 2005

/S/ Warren E. Buffett

Warren E. Buffett

Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Dated: February 14, 2005

/S/ Warren E. Buffett

By: Warren E. Buffett
Title: Chairman of the Board

OBH, Inc.

Dated: February 14, 2005

/S/ Warren E. Buffett

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