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Form 8-K

March 19, 2019

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): March 18, 2019

PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<u>DELAWARE</u> <u>001-07832</u> <u>75-1729843</u>

(I.R.S.

Employer

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission

Identification

of Incorporation) File Number) No.)

100 Pier 1 Place

Fort Worth, Texas 76102

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code 817-252-8000

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Michael R. Benkel, who served as Executive Vice President, Planning and Allocations for Pier 1 Imports, Inc. (the "Company"), has left the Company effective March 18, 2019. As of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K, the Company and Mr. Benkel had not yet finalized the terms of his separation from service with the Company.

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: March 19, 2019 By: /s/ Robert E. Bostrom

Robert E. Bostrom, Executive Vice

President, Chief Legal

and

Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary