The Manufacturer Influence Strategies on Retailer Performance: The Moderating Effects of Control and Relational Norms

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ABSTRACT

The object of this research was focused on the manufacturers of electronic industry. From the point of the manufacturers 'view, the relation between the performance of the retailers and the influence strategies the upper stream manufacturers utilized under the moderating effects of control degree and relational norms was explored. The following lists the consequences observed in this investigation. A. The moderating effects of control degree As the degree of the manufacturers 'control over their retailers was high, the coercive strategies showed positive effects on the retailers 'compliance and customer satisfaction; non-coercive strategies showed positive effects on the retailers 'contribution to growth, retailers' competence, adaptation and customer satisfaction; and relational strategies showed positive effects on the retailers 'competence while the strategies of requests showed no prominent effects. That meant the manufacturers utilized the coercive, non-coercive or relational strategies could help to raise the performance of the retailers as the degree of the manufacturers 'control over their retailers was high. Besides, the higher the control degree, the higher the performance raised. As the degree of the manufacturers ' control over their retailers was low, the strategies of compromises showed negative effects on the retailers ' contribution to growth which meant the manufacturers utilized the strategies of compromises could help to raise the retailers 'contribution to growth as the degree of manufacturer' control over their retailers was low. Besides, the lower the control degree, the higher the performance raised. B. The moderating effects of relational norms As the degree of the manufacturers ' relational norms with their retailers was high, the coercive and non-coercive strategies, the strategies of requests and comprises and relational strategies all showed no prominent effects, which meant any influence strategies utilized by the manufacturers could not help to raise the performance of the retailers as the degree of the manufactures ' relational norms with their retailers was high.

Keywords: influence strategies; control; relational norms; performance; moderating effects

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