



## FACT SHEET

### **Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Imports of Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires from the People's Republic of China**

- On January 21, 2015, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of certain passenger vehicle and light truck tires from the People's Republic of China (China).
- The AD law provides U.S. businesses and workers with a transparent and internationally accepted mechanism to seek relief from the market distorting effects caused by injurious dumping of imports into the United States, establishing an opportunity to compete on a level playing field.
- For the purpose of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than its fair value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that imports of certain passenger vehicle and light truck tires from China have been sold in the United States at dumping margins ranging from 19.17 percent to 87.99 percent.
- Mandatory respondents Giti Tire Global Trading Pte. Ltd.<sup>1</sup> and Sailun Group Co., Ltd.<sup>2</sup> received preliminary dumping margins of 19.17 percent and 36.26 percent, respectively. All other producers/exporters in China received a preliminary dumping margin of 87.99 percent.
- Sixty-five other exporters qualified for a separate rate of 27.72 percent.
- As a result of the preliminary affirmative determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to require cash deposits based on these preliminary rates.
- The petitioner for this investigation is the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC (PA).
- On September 12, 2014, the petitioner timely filed allegations of critical circumstances. Commerce preliminarily determined that critical circumstances do not exist for GITI and Sailun, but do exist with respect to imports of certain passenger vehicle and light truck tires from all other exporters. In the instance where we preliminarily found that affirmative critical circumstances exist, we will instruct CBP to impose provisional measures retroactively on entries of subject passenger vehicle and light truck tires up to 90 days prior to these determinations.
- The products covered by the investigation are passenger vehicle and light truck tires. Passenger vehicle and light truck tires are new pneumatic tires, of rubber, with a passenger vehicle or light truck

<sup>1</sup> Includes Giti Tire Global Trading Pte. Ltd., Giti Tire (USA) Ltd., Giti Tire (Anhui) Company Ltd., Giti Tire (Fujian) Company Ltd., and Giti Tire (Hualin) Company Ltd.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Sailun Group Co., Ltd., Sailun Tire International Corp., Shandong Jinyu Industrial Co., Ltd., Jinyu International Holding Co., Limited, Seatex International Inc., Dynamic Tire Corp., Husky Tire Corp., and Seatex PTE. Ltd.

size designation. Tires covered by this investigation may be tube-type, tubeless, radial, or non-radial, and they may be intended for sale to original equipment manufacturers or the replacement market.

- The scope of this investigation is passenger vehicle and light truck tires. Passenger vehicle and light truck tires are new pneumatic tires, of rubber, with a passenger vehicle or light truck size designation. Tires covered by this investigation may be tube-type, tubeless, radial, or non-radial, and they may be intended for sale to original equipment manufacturers or the replacement market.
- Subject tires have, at the time of importation, the symbol “DOT” on the sidewall, certifying that the tire conforms to applicable motor vehicle safety standards. Subject tires may also have the following prefixes or suffix in their tire size designation, which also appears on the sidewall of the tire:

Prefix designations:

P - Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on passenger cars

LT- Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on light trucks

Suffix letter designations:

LT - Identifies light truck tires for service on trucks, buses, trailers, and multipurpose passenger vehicles used in nominal highway service.

- All tires with a “P” or “LT” prefix, and all tires with an “LT” suffix in their sidewall markings are covered by this investigation regardless of their intended use.
- In addition, all tires that lack a “P” or “LT” prefix or suffix in their sidewall markings, as well as all tires that include any other prefix or suffix in their sidewall markings, are included in the scope, regardless of their intended use, as long as the tire is of a size that is among the numerical size designations listed in the passenger car section or light truck section of the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*, as updated annually, unless the tire falls within one of the specific exclusions set out below.
- Passenger vehicle and light truck tires, whether or not attached to wheels or rims, are included in the scope. However, if a subject tire is imported attached to a wheel or rim, only the tire is covered by the scope.
- Specifically excluded from the scope of this investigation are the following types of tires:
  - (1) racing car tires; such tires do not bear the symbol “DOT” on the sidewall and may be marked with “ZR” in size designation;
  - (2) new pneumatic tires, of rubber, of a size that is not listed in the passenger car section or light truck section of the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*;
  - (3) pneumatic tires, of rubber, that are not new, including recycled and retreaded tires;
  - (4) non-pneumatic tires, such as solid rubber tires;
  - (5) tires designed and marketed exclusively as temporary use spare tires for passenger vehicles which, in addition, exhibit each of the following physical characteristics:
    - (a) the size designation and load index combination molded on the tire’s sidewall are listed in Table PCT-1B (“T” Type Spare Tires for Temporary Use on Passenger Vehicles) of the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*,

(b) the designation “T” is molded into the tire’s sidewall as part of the size designation, and,  
(c) the tire’s speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*, and the rated speed is 81 MPH or a “M” rating;

(6) tires designed and marketed exclusively for specialty tire (ST) use which, in addition, exhibit each of the following physical characteristics:\*

(a) the size designation molded on the tire’s sidewall is listed in the ST sections of the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*,

(b) the designation “ST” is molded into the tire’s sidewall as part of the size designation,

(c) the tire incorporates a warning, prominently molded on the sidewall, that the tire is “For Trailer Service Only” or “For Trailer Use Only”,

(d) the load index molded on the tire’s sidewall meets or exceeds those load indexes listed in the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book* for the relevant ST tire size, and

(e) the tire’s speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by TRA, and the rated speed does not exceed 81 MPH or an “M” rating;

(7) tires designed and marketed exclusively for off-road use and which, in addition, exhibit each of the following physical characteristics:

(a) the size designation and load index combination molded on the tire’s sidewall are listed in the off-the-road, agricultural, industrial or ATV section of the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*,

(b) in addition to any size designation markings, the tire incorporates a warning, prominently molded on the sidewall, that the tire is “Not For Highway Service” or “Not for Highway Use”,

(c) the tire’s speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*, and the rated speed does not exceed 55 MPH or a “G” rating, and

(d) the tire features a recognizable off-road tread design.

- We are currently suspending requirements (6)(d) and (e); therefore, tires entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption that meet exclusion requirements (6)(a)-(c) above are currently excluded from the scope of this investigation
- The products covered by the investigation are currently classified under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings: 4011.10.10.10, 4011.10.10.20, 4011.10.10.30, 4011.10.10.40, 4011.10.10.50, 4011.10.10.60, 4011.10.10.70, 4011.10.50.00, 4011.20.10.05, and 4011.20.50.10. Tires meeting the scope description may also enter under the following HTSUS subheadings: 4011.99.45.10, 4011.99.45.50, 4011.99.85.10, 4011.99.85.50, 8708.70.45.45, 8708.70.45.60, 8708.70.60.30, 8708.70.60.45, and 8708.70.60.60. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.
- In 2013, imports of certain passenger vehicle and light truck tires from China were valued at an estimated \$2.1 billion.

## NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is scheduled to announce its final determination on or about June 12, 2015.
- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination that imports of certain passenger and light truck tires from China have been unfairly dumped in the U.S. market, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes an affirmative final determination that these imports materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an AD order. If either Commerce or the ITC final determinations are negative, no AD orders will be issued. The ITC is scheduled to make its final injury determination in July 2015.

## PRELIMINARY DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING MARGINS
China	<b>Giti Tire Global Trading Pte. Ltd., Giti Tire (USA) Ltd., Giti Tire (Anhui) Company Ltd., Giti Tire (Fujian) Company Ltd., and Giti Tire (Hualin) Company Ltd./ Giti Tire (Anhui) Company Ltd., Giti Tire (Fujian) Company Ltd., and Giti Tire (Hualin) Company Ltd.</b>	<b>19.17%</b>
	<b>Sailun Group Co., Ltd., Sailun Tire International Corp., Shandong Jinyu Industrial Co., Ltd., Jinyu International Holding Co., Limited, Seatex International Inc., Dynamic Tire Corp., Husky Tire Corp., and Seatex PTE. Ltd./ Sailun Group Co., Ltd., and Shandong Jinyu Industrial Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>36.26%</b>
	<b>Separate Rate Companies (See Attached List)</b>	<b>27.72%</b>
	<b>China-Wide Rate</b>	<b>87.99%</b>

## CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petitions Filed	June 3, 2014
DOC Initiation Date	July 14, 2014†
ITC Preliminary Determination	August 1, 2014
DOC Preliminary Determination	January 20, 2015
DOC Final Determination	June 11, 2015
ITC Final Determination*	July 26, 2015
Issuance of Order**	August 3, 2015

**NOTE:** Commerce preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by statute. For AD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 733(b) and 735(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

†Where the deadline falls on a weekend/holiday, the appropriate date is the next business day.

\*This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination by Commerce.

\*\*This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations by Commerce and the ITC.

## IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2011	2012	2013
Volume (number of tires)	24,565,000	31,479,000	50,847,000
Value (USD)	968,184,000	1,265,918,000	2,078,271,000

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 4011.10.1010, 4011.10.1020, 4011.10.1030, 4011.10.1040, 4011.10.1050, 4011.10.1060, 4011.10.1070, 4011.10.5000, 4011.20.1005, and 4011.20.5010.) Imports of certain passenger vehicle and light truck tires may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 4011.99.4500, 4011.99.8500, 8708.70.4545, 8708.70.4560, 8708.70.6030, 8708.70.6045, and 8708.70.6060, which may cover significant amounts of non-subject merchandise. Therefore, these additional HTSUS subheadings have not been used for purposes of reporting import statistics.

## SEPARATE RATES

EXPORTER	PRODUCER	MARGIN
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company	Cooper Chengshan (Shandong) Tire Co., Ltd. Cooper (Kunshan) Tire Co., Ltd.	27.72
Cooper Chengshan (Shandong) Tire Co., Ltd.	Cooper Chengshan (Shandong) Tire Co., Ltd.	27.72
Cooper (Kunshan) Tire Co., Ltd.	Cooper (Kunshan) Tire Co., Ltd.	27.72
Best Choice International Trade Co., Limited	Qingdao Sentury Tire Co., Ltd. Shandong Haohua Tire Co., Ltd. Beijing Capital Tire Co., Ltd.	27.72
Bridgestone (Wuxi) Tire Co., Ltd.	Bridgestone (Wuxi) Tire Co., Ltd.	27.72
Bridgestone Corporation	Bridgestone (Wuxi) Tire Co., Ltd.	27.72
Cheng Shin Tire & Rubber (China) Co., Ltd.	Cheng Shin Tire & Rubber (China) Co., Ltd. Cheng Shin Tire & Rubber (Chongqing) Co., Ltd.	27.72
Crown International Corporation	Shandong Guofeng Rubber Plastics Co., Ltd. Shandong Haohua Tire Co., Ltd Shandong Jinyu Industrial Co., Ltd. Doublestar-Dongfeng Tyre Co., Ltd Shandong Yongshong Rubber Group Co., Ltd. Shengtai Group Co.,Ltd Qingdao .Doublestar Tire Industrial Co., Ltd Shandong Yongtai Chemical Co., Ltd	27.72
Goodyear Dalian Tire Company Limited	Goodyear Dalian Tire Company Limited	27.72

Guangzhou Pearl River Rubber Tyre Ltd.	Guangzhou Pearl River Rubber Tyre Ltd.	27.72
Hankook Tire China Co., Ltd.	Hankook Tire China Co., Ltd.	27.72
Hebei Tianrui Rubber Co., Ltd.	Hebei Tianrui Rubber Co., Ltd.	27.72
Hong Kong Tiancheng Investment & Trading Co., Limited	Shandong Linglong Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Hong Kong Tri-Ace Tire Co., Limited.	Shandong Yongtai Chemical Co., Ltd Doublestar Dongfeng Tyre Co., Ltd	27.72
Hwa Fong Rubber (Hong Kong) Ltd.	Hwa Fong Rubber (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.	27.72
Jiangsu Hankook Tire Co., Ltd.	Jiangsu Hankook Tire Co., Ltd.	27.72
Kenda Rubber (China) Co., Ltd.	Kenda Rubber (China) Co., Ltd.	27.72
Kumho Tire Co., Inc.	Kumho Tire (Tianjin) Co., Inc. Nanjing Kumho Tire Co., Ltd. Kumho Tire (Changchun) Co., Inc.	27.72
Liaoning Permanent Tyre Co., Ltd.	Liaoning Permanent Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Longkou Xinglong Tyre Co., Ltd.	Longkou Xinglong Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Mayrun Tyre (Hong Kong) Limited	South China Tire & Rubber Co., Ltd Shandong Haohua Tire Co., Ltd	27.72
Nankang (Zhangjiagang Free Trade Zone) Rubber Industrial Co., Ltd.	Nankang (Zhangjiagang Free Trade Zone) Rubber Industrial Co., Ltd.	27.72
Pirelli Tyre Co., Ltd.	Pirelli Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Qingdao Nama Industrial Co., Ltd.	Shandong Guofeng Rubber Plastics Co., Ltd. Shandong Hengyu Science & Technology Co., Ltd. Shandong Longyue Rubber Co., Ltd. Shandong Haohua Tire Co., Ltd. Shouguang Firemax Tyre Co., Ltd. Shandong Zhongyi Rubber Co., Ltd.	27.72

	Shandong Yonking Rubber Co., Ltd. Shandong Hongsheng Rubber Technology Co., Ltd.	
Qingdao Au-Shine Group Co., Limited	Shandong Gulun Rubber Co., Ltd.	27.72
Qingdao Crown Chemical Co., Ltd.	Shandong Guofeng Rubber Plastics Co., Ltd. Shandong Haohua Tire Co., Ltd. Shandong Jinyu Industrial Co., Ltd. Doublestar-Dongfeng Tyre Co., Ltd Shandong Yongsheng Rubber Group Co., Ltd.	27.72
Qingdao Free Trade Zone Full-World International Trading Co., Ltd.	Shandong Zhentai Group Co., Ltd. Longkou Xinglong Tyre Co., Ltd. Hebei Tianrui Rubber Co., Ltd.	27.72
Qingdao Fullrun Tyre Tech Corp., Ltd.	Qingdao Fullrun Tyre Tech Corp., Ltd.	27.72
Qingdao Honghua Tyre Factory	Qingdao Honghua Tyre Factory	27.72
Qingdao Nexen Tire Corporation	Qingdao Nexen Tire Corporation	27.72
Qingdao Odyking Tyre Co., Ltd.	Doublestar Dongfeng Tyre Co., Ltd. Shandong Fengyuan Tire Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Shouguang Firemax Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Qingdao Qianzhen Tyre Co., Ltd.	Qingdao Qianzhen Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Qingdao Qihang Tyre Co., Ltd.	Qingdao Qihang Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Qingdao Qizhou Rubber Co., Ltd.	Qingdao Qizhou Rubber Co., Ltd.	27.72
Qingdao Sentury Tire Co., Ltd.	Qingdao Sentury Tire Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Duratti Rubber Corporation Co., Ltd.	Shandong Duratti Rubber Corporation Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Fengyuan Tire Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Shandong Fengyuan Tire Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	27.72

Shandong Guofeng Rubber Plastics Co., Ltd.	Shandong Guofeng Rubber Plastics Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Haohua Tire Co., Ltd.	Shandong Haohua Tire Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Haolong Rubber Tire Co., Ltd.	Shandong Haolong Rubber Tire Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Hawk International Rubber Industry Co., Ltd.	Shandong Hawk International Rubber Industry Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Hengyu Science & Technology Co., Ltd.	Shandong Hengyu Science & Technology Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Linglong Tyre Co., Ltd.	Shandong Linglong Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Longyue Rubber Co., Ltd.	Shandong Longyue Rubber Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong New Continent Tire Co., Ltd.	Shandong New Continent Tire Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Province Sanli Tire Manufactured Co., Ltd.	Shandong Province Sanli Tire Manufactured Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Shuangwang Rubber Co., Ltd.	Shandong Shuangwang Rubber Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Wanda Boto Tyre Co., Ltd.	Shandong Wanda Boto Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Yongtai Chemical Co., Ltd.	Shandong Yongtai Chemical Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Zhongyi Rubber Co., Ltd.	Shandong Zhongyi Rubber Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shandong Huitong Tyre Co., Ltd.	Shandong Huitong Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
	Laiwu Sunshine Tyre Co., Ltd.	
Shengtai Group Co., Ltd.	Shengtai Group Co., Ltd.	27.72
	Shandong Shengshitailai Rubber Technology Co., Ltd.	
Shifeng Juxing Tire Co., Ltd.	Shifeng Juxing Tire Co., Ltd.	27.72
Shouguang Firemax Tyre Co., Ltd.	Shouguang Firemax Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Southeast Mariner International Co., Ltd.	Dongying Zhongyi Rubber Co., Ltd.	27.72
	Shandong Haohua Tire Co., Ltd.	

Techking Tires Limited	Shandong Longyue Rubber Co., Ltd.	27.72
Toyo Tire (Zhangjiagang) Co., Ltd.	Toyo Tire (Zhangjiagang) Co., Ltd.	27.72
Triangle Tyre Co., Ltd.	Triangle Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Tyrechamp Group Co., Ltd.	Shandong Haohua Tire Co., Ltd. Sichuan Tyre&Rubber Co., Ltd. Shandong Anchi Tyres Co., Ltd. Beijing Capital Tire Co. Ltd. Shandong Wanda Boto Tyre Co., Ltd. Shandong Wosen Rubber Co., Ltd. Shandong Zhentai Group Co., Ltd. Shandong Yonking Rubber Co., Ltd. Qingdao Doublestar Tyre Industrial Co., Ltd. South China Tire & Rubber Co. Ltd. Anhui Hedding Tire Technology Co., Ltd.	27.72
Weihai Ping'an Tyre Co., Ltd.	Weihai Ping'an Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Weihai Zhongwei Rubber Co., Ltd.	Weihai Zhongwei Rubber Co., Ltd.	27.72
Wendeng Sanfeng Tyre Co., Ltd.	Wendeng Sanfeng Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Winrun Tyre Co., Ltd.	Shaanxi Yanchang Petroleum Group Rubber Co. Ltd.	27.72
Zenith Holdings (HK) Limited	Shandong Linglong Tyre Co., Ltd.	27.72
Zhaoqing Junhong Co., Ltd.	Zhaoqing Junhong Co., Ltd.	27.72