### **U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

### CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLE AND LIGHT TRUCK TIRES FROM CHINA

#### This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than May 7, 2009

#### See page 4 of the Instruction Booklet for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its market disruption investigation concerning certain passenger vehicle and light truck tires (subject tires) from China (inv. No. TA-421-7) under section 421(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (the Act). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of section 421 of the Act. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

Name of fi	irm		
Address			
			Zip Code
World Wi	de Web address		
Has your fir January 1, 2	1 5	l in the instructior	n booklet) from any country at any time since
<b>NO</b>	(Sign the certification below and pr	omptly return only	this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
<b>YES</b>	(Read the instruction booklet carefu questionnaire to the Commission so		rts of the questionnaire, and return the entire by the date indicated above)

### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief and understands that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. The undersigned acknowledges that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout this investigation may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of this investigation or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements. The undersigned understands that the confidential business information that is furnished may be subject to, and may be released under an administrative protective order issued by the Commission pursuant to section 206.47 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. In addition, the confidential business information that is submitted may be included in a confidential version of the report that the Commission transmits to the President and the U.S. Trade Representative, should the Commission transmit a confidential version. Your signature on the certification below will also serve as consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information you provide in this questionnaire and throughout this investigation in any other import-injury investigations conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise. If you do not consent to such use, please note the certification accordingly.

Name of Authorized Official	Title of Authorized Official	Date	
	Phone: ()		
Signature	Fax ()	E-mail address	

### PART I.—<u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u>

Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-1a. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

hours dollars

- I-1b. We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.
- I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

I-3. Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

🗌 No	YesList the following information	on
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Firm name	Address	<u>Extent of</u> ownership

# PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

I-4. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in importing subject tires from China into the United States or which are engaged in exporting subject tires from China to the United States?

Firm name	Address		<u>Affiliation</u>
Does your firm have any rel production of subject tires?	ated firms, either	domestic or foreign,	which are engaged in th
Firm name	Address		Affiliation
answer may be applicable.			
Importer of record		Takes title to t	he imported product(s)
<ul> <li>Importer of record</li> <li>Consignee of the import</li> </ul>	ed products(s)		he imported product(s) er or freight forwarder.
Consignee of the import	f record of subjec	Customs broke	er or freight forwarder. onsignee, please list the
	f record of subjec	Customs broke	onsignee, please list the

# PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

I-8. Please indicate whether your firm enters subject tires into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses.

Foreign trade zones	🗌 No	Yes
Bonded warehouses	No	Yes

I-9. Please indicate whether your firm imports subject tires under the TIB (temporary importation under bond) program.

🗌 No	Yes
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I-10. To your knowledge, have the products subject to this investigation been the subject of any other import relief investigations in the United States or in any other countries?

🗌 No	Yes–Please specify.	

# PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Nathanael Comly (202-205-3174, nathanael.comly@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a** <u>calendar-year</u> basis.

II-1. Who should be contacted regarding the requested trade and related information?

Company conta	act:	
	Name and title	
	()	
	Phone number	E-mail address
consolidations, other change in	closures, or prolonged shutdow the character of your operation	se openings, relocations, expansions, acquisitions, which because of strikes or equipment failure; or any his or organization relating to the importation of
🗌 No	YesSupply details as to t	he time, nature, and significance of such changes.
		portation of subject tires from China for delivery
🗌 No	Yes–Indicate when such o involved.	rders are to be delivered and the quantities
	consolidations, other change in subject tires sir No Has your firm i after December No If your firm als	(

### PART II.--<u>TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION</u>--Continued

II-5. Has your firm imported racing tires under the HTS subheadings 4011.10.10, 4011.10.50, 4011.20.10, or 4011.20.50 since January 1, 2004?

No Yes--Please provide the quantity and value of such imports in <u>2008</u>.

Country	Quantity (in 1,000 tires)	Value (in <i>\$1,000</i> )
China		
All Other		

II-6. Has the United States market for subject tires been the focal point for the diversion of exports of subject tires, by reason of restraint on exports to or imports into third country markets of subject tires or imports?

No Yes—Please describe (e.g., the extent to which this is the case).

II-7. Has any increase in imports of subject tires from China, either actual or relative to domestic production, been a cause of material injury to the domestic industry?

No Yes—Please describe (e.g., the extent to which this is the case, and provide pertinent information).

# PART II.--<u>TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION</u>--Continued

II-8. **IMPORTS FROM SUBJECT SOURCES**.–Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of subject tires imported from China by your firm during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

# CHINA

Quantity	ı (in 1,000 tire	s), value ( <i>in</i> \$1	1,000)		
			Calendar year	S	
Item	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity)					
Imports: <sup>1</sup>	•	•			•
Quantity of imports					
Value of imports					
U.S. shipments:					
Commercial shipments:					
Quantity of commercial shipments					
Value of commercial shipments					
Internal consumption/company transfers:					
Quantity of internal consumption/transfers					
Value <sup>2</sup> of internal consumption/transfers					
Export shipments: <sup>3</sup>					
Quantity of export shipments					
Value of export shipments					
End-of-period inventories <sup>4</sup> (quantity)					
Channels of distribution:					•
U.S. shipments to OEMs (quantity)					
U.S. shipments to the replacement market (quantity)					
All other (describe:) or unknown					
Total					
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the foreign producers, if knowr	1:				
<ul> <li><sup>2</sup> Sales to related firms (including internal consudifferent basis for valuing these sales within your convalue data using that basis for each of the years not value data using the years not value data using that basis for each of the years not value data using that basis for each of the years not value data using the years</li></ul>	ompany, pleas oted above: uantities repo	e specify that b	basis (e.g., cost, description of the cost, description of the cost of the cos	cost plus, etc.) a follows: beginni	nd provide

### PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-9. **IMPORTS FROM NONSUBJECT SOURCES**.–Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of subject tires imported from **all other sources combined** by your firm during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

# ALL OTHER SOURCES COMBINED

	Calendar years				
Item	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
eginning-of-period inventories (quantity)					
nports: <sup>1</sup>			•		
Quantity of imports					
Value of imports					
.S. shipments:				• •	
Commercial shipments:					
Quantity of commercial shipments					
Value of commercial shipments					
Internal consumption/company transfers:					
Quantity of internal consumption/transfers					
Value <sup>2</sup> of internal consumption/transfers					
xport shipments: <sup>3</sup>					
Quantity of export shipments					
Value of export shipments					
nd-of-period inventories <sup>4</sup> (quantity)					
hannels of distribution:					
U.S. shipments to OEMs (quantity)					
U.S. shipments to the replacement market (quantity)					
All other (describe:) or unknown	1				
Total					
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the sources and foreign prod	ucers, if known:				

### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from James Fetzer (202-708-5403, james.fetzer@usitc.gov)

III-1. Who should be contacted regarding the requested pricing and related information?

Company contact:

Name and title

() Phone number

E-mail address

# PRICE DATA

This section requests quarterly price and quantity data, f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment, for your commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers during January 2004--December 2008 of the following products you imported from China:

<u>Product 1</u>.--Subject tires, tire size P225/60R16, 97-98 load index, speed ratings S or T, allseason grand touring/standard touring/passenger

<u>Product 2</u>.-- Subject tires, tire size P235/75R15, 105-108 load index, speed ratings S or T, all-season grand touring/standard touring/passenger

<u>Product 3</u>.-- Subject tires, tire size P205/65R15, 92-94 load index, speed ratings S, T, or H, all-season grand touring/standard touring/passenger

<u>Product 4</u>.-- Subject tires, tire size P215/70R15, 97-98 load index, speed ratings S or T, allseason grand touring/standard touring/passenger

<u>Product 5</u>.-- Subject tires, tire size LT245/75R16, 111-116 load index, speed ratings R or S, on/off-road all terrain

<u>Product 6</u>.-- Subject tires, tire size LT265/75R16, 112-116 load index, speed ratings R, S, or T, on/off-road all terrain

Please note that total dollar values should be f.o.b., U.S. point of shipment and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Total dollar values should reflect the *final net* amount paid to you (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates). See instruction booklet.

# PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-2a. Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> imported from China and sold by your firm. Please reports sales to OEMs and sales to the replacement market separately.

# **Sales to Replacement Market**

(Quantity in 1,000 tires, value in 1,000 dollars)						
	Prod	uct 1	Product 2 Product		uct 3	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2004						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2005						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2006						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2007						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2008						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
<sup>1</sup> Net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment. <sup>2</sup> Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.						
NoteIf your product does not provide a description of your p		ne product spec	cifications but is	competitive wit	h the specified	d product,
Product 1:						
Product 2:						
Product 3:						

# PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-2a. Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> imported from China and sold by your firm. Please reports sales to OEMs and sales to the replacement market separately.

# **Sales to Replacement Market**

(Quantity in 1,000 tires, value in 1,000 dollars)						
	Prod	Product 4 Product 5		uct 5	Produ	JCt 6
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2004						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2005						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2006						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2007						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2008						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
<sup>1</sup> Net values (i.e., gross sal returned goods), f.o.b. your U. <sup>2</sup> Pricing product definitions	S. point of shipr	ment.		es, prepaid fre	ight, and the va	lue of
NoteIf your product does no provide a description of your p		ne product spe	cifications but is	competitive w	ith the specified	l product,
Product 4:						
Product 5:						
Product 6:						

# PART III.--<u>PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION</u>--Continued

III-2b. Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> imported from China and sold by your firm. **Please reports sales to OEMs and sales to the replacement market separately.** 

# **Sales to OEMS**

(Quantity in 1,000 tires, value in 1,000 dollars)						
	Product 1 Product 2		uct 2	Prod	uct 3	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2004						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2005						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2006						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2007						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2008						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
<sup>1</sup> Net values (i.e., gross sal returned goods), f.o.b. your U. <sup>2</sup> Pricing product definitions	S. point of shipr	ment.		es, prepaid fre	ight, and the va	lue of
NoteIf your product does no provide a description of your p		he product spe	cifications but is	competitive w	ith the specified	l product,
Product 1:						
Product 2:						
Product 3:						

# PART III.--<u>PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION</u>--Continued

III-2b. Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> imported from China and sold by your firm. Please reports sales to OEMs and sales to the replacement market separately.

# **Sales to OEMs**

(Quantity in 1,000 tires, value in 1,000 dollars)						
	Prod	Product 4 Product 5		Prod	uct 6	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2004						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2005						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2006						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2007						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2008						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
<sup>1</sup> Net values (i.e., gross sa returned goods), f.o.b. your U <sup>2</sup> Pricing product definition	J.S. point of shipr is are provided o	ment. n the first page	of Part IV.			
NoteIf your product does no provide a description of your		he product spe	cifications but is	competitive w	ith the specified	1 product,
Product 4:						
Product 5:						
Product 6:						

### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Please describe how your firm determines the prices that it charges for sales of subject tires III-3. (transaction by transaction negotiation, contracts for multiple shipments, set price lists, etc.). If your firm issues price lists, please include a copy of a recent price list with your submission. If your price list is large, please submit sample pages. III-4. Please describe your firm's discount policy (quantity discounts, annual total volume discounts, etc.). What are your firm's typical sales terms for subject tires imported from China (e.g., 2/10 net 30 III-5. days)? \_\_\_\_\_. On what basis are your prices of such product usually quoted (e.g., f.o.b. warehouse, or delivered)? \_\_\_\_\_. III-6. Approximately what share of your firm's sales of its subject tires imported from China in 2008 were on a (1) long-term contract basis (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months), (2) shortterm contract basis (multiple deliveries up to 12 months), and (3) spot sales basis (for a single delivery)? Type of sale Share of sales (percent) Long-term contracts Short-term contracts Spot sales III-7. If you sell on a long-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical long-term contract. What is the average duration of a contract? (a) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? (b) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? (c) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? (d)

# **Business Proprietary**

# U.S. Importers' Questionnaire – **Subject tires**

# PART III.--<u>PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION</u>--Continued

III-8.	If you sell on a short-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical short-term contract.					
	(a)	What is the ave	erage duration of a contr	act?		
	(b)	Can prices be r	enegotiated during the c	ontract period?		
	(c)	Does the contra	act fix quantity, price, or	· both?		
	(d)	Does the contra	act have a meet or releas	e provision?		
III-9.		s the average lea f subject tires?	d time between a custon	ner's order and the date	e of delivery for your firm's	
		Source	<u>Share of</u> 200		Lead time	
	From	inventory				
	Produ	iced to order				
	Total		100 %	%		
III-10.	(a)		proximate percentage of by U.S. inland transporta			
	(b)		arranges the transportat	ion to your customers'	locations? (check one)	
	(c)		-		storage or production ercent. Over 1,000 miles?	
III-11.		s the geographic all that apply)	market area in the Unite	ed States served by you	ur firm's subject tires?	
	🗌 Noi	rtheast	Mid-Atlantic	Midwest	Southeast	
	🗌 Sou	ıthwest	Rocky Mountains	West Coast	Northwest	
	🗌 Nat	ional	Other (describe:		)	

# PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-12. Describe the end uses of the subject tires that you import from China. For each end-use product, what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by subject tires?

	End	use     Share of total cost (percent)
III-13.	(a)	Can other products be substituted for subject tires?
		No YesPlease list these substitute products in order of importance.
		(i)
		(ii)
		(iii)
	(b)	For each possible substitute product, please give examples of applications and end uses for which they are substitutes.
	(c)	Have changes in the prices of these products affected the price for subject tires?
		No YesTo what degree do changes in their prices affect the price for subject tires? Does this effect have a time lag? If so, how long is the time lag for each substitute product? Does this vary by type of subject tires or final end use?

# **Business Proprietary**

# U.S. Importers' Questionnaire – Subject tires

# PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

How has the demand within the United States (and outside the United States if known) for subject tires changed since January 1, 2004? What principal factors affect changes in demand?							
Increase	No Change	Decrease					
	• •	e product range or marketing of subject tires since					
🗌 No	Yes Please describe.						
Does vour firm	sell subject tires over the inte	rnet?					
	Yes Please describe, no	ting the estimated percentage of your firm's total 2008 accounted for by internet sales.					
	tires changed s	tires changed since January 1, 2004? What p					

### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-17. Are subject tires produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (*i.e.*, can they physically be used in the same applications)? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that the products from a specified country-pair are always interchangeable, "F" to indicate that the products are frequently interchangeable, "S" to indicate that the products are sometimes interchangeable, "N" to indicate that the products are never interchangeable, and "0" to indicate no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair.<sup>1</sup>

Country-pair	United States	China	Other countries
United States			
China			
<sup>1</sup> For any cour explain the factor	htry-pair producing subject tires that limit or preclude interch	es which is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>nev</i> hangeable use:	er interchangeable, please

### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-18. Are differences other than price (*i.e.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between subject tires produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that such differences are always significant, "F" to indicate that such differences are frequently significant, "S" to indicate that such differences are never significant, and "0" to indicate no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair.<sup>1</sup>

Country-pair	United States	China	Other countries
United States			
China			
<sup>1</sup> For any cour your firm's sales imparted by such	of subject tires, identify the co	er than price always or freque puntry-pair and report the adv	ntly are a significant factor in antages or disadvantages

### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-19. Please identify below the names and addresses of your firm's 10 largest customers for subject tires during 2004-2008. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person and the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of subject tires from China that each of these customers accounted for in 2008.

No.	Customer's name	Street address (not P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Contact person	Area code and telephone number	Share of 2008 sales (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					