

U.S. PRODUCERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

TRUCK AND BUS TIRES FROM CHINA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **February 12, 2016**

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing and antidumping duty investigations concerning truck and bus tires from China (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-556 and 731-TA-1311 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. 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 firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

Name of firm _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Website _____
Has your firm produced truck and bus tires (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2013?
<input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
<input type="checkbox"/> YES (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)
Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commission Drop Box by clicking on the following link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: TIRES)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. By means of this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout this proceeding in any other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and throughout this investigation or other proceeding may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or(ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. I understand that all contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements

Name of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature

Phone:

Fax:

Email address

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on January 29, 2016, by United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (“USW”), Pittsburg, PA. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/truck_and_bus_tires_china/preliminary.htm.

Truck and bus tires covered by these investigations are **new** pneumatic tires, of rubber, with a truck or bus size designation. Truck and bus tires covered by these investigations may be tube-type, tubeless, radial, or non-radial, and they may be intended for sale to original equipment manufacturers, fleet owners and operators, 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 one of the following suffixes in their tire size designation, which also appear on the sidewall of the tire:

TR – Identifies tires for service on trucks or buses to differentiate them from similarly sized passenger car and light truck tires;

MH – Identifies tires for mobile homes; and

HC – Identifies a 17.5 rim diameter code for use on low platform trailers.

All tires with a “TR,” “MH,” or “HC” suffix in their size designations are covered by these investigations regardless of their intended use.

In addition, all tires that lack one of the above suffix 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 “Truck-Bus” 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.

Truck and bus tires, whether or not mounted on wheels or rims, are included in the scope. However, if a subject tire is imported mounted on a wheel or rim, only the tire is covered by the scope. Subject merchandise includes truck and bus tires produced in the subject country whether mounted on wheels or rims in the subject country or in a third country. Truck and bus tires are covered whether or not they are accompanied by other parts, e.g., a wheel, rim, axle parts, bolts, nuts, etc. Truck and bus tires that enter attached to a vehicle are not covered by the scope.

Specifically excluded from the scope of these investigations are the following types of tires:

- (1) pneumatic tires, of rubber, that are not new, including recycled and retreaded tires; and
- (2) non-pneumatic tires, such as solid rubber tires.

The subject merchandise is currently imported under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) statistical reporting numbers: 4011.20.1015 and 4011.20.5020. Tires meeting the scope description may also be imported under the following HTSUS provisions: 4011.99.4520, 4011.99.4590, 4011.99.8520, 4011.99.8590, 8708.70.4530, 8708.70.6030, and 8708.70.6060. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

Reporting of information.-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

Confidentiality.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. § 1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, general characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

Verification.--The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all files, worksheets, and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals. In addition, if your firm is a U.S. producer, the information you provide on your production and imports of truck and bus tires and your responses to the questions in Part I of the producer questionnaire will be provided to the U.S. Department of Commerce, upon its request, for use in connection with (and only in connection with) its requirement pursuant to section 702(c)(4)/732(c)(4) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1671a(c)(4)/1673a(c)(4)) to make a determination concerning the extent of industry support for the petition requesting this proceeding. Any information provided to Commerce will be transmitted under the confidentiality and release guidelines set forth above. Your response to these questions constitutes your consent that such information be provided to Commerce under the conditions described above.

I-1a. **OMB statistics.**--Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

Hours	Dollars

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 50 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this questionnaire. Please attach such comments to your response or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-1b. **TAA information release.**--In the event that the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) makes an affirmative final determination in this proceeding, do you consent to the USITC's release of your contact information (company name, address, contact person, telephone number, email address) appearing on the front page of this questionnaire to the Departments of Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture, as applicable, so that your firm and its workers can be made eligible for benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance program?

Yes No

I-2. **Establishments covered.**--Provide the city, state, zip code, and brief description of each establishment covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol in the footnote to the table. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**

"Establishment"--Each facility of a firm involved in the production of truck and bus tires, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

Establishments covered ¹	City, State	Zip (5 digit)	Description
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

¹ Additional discussion on establishments consolidated in this questionnaire: _____.

I-3. **Petition support.**--Does your firm support or oppose the petition?

Country	Support	Oppose	Take no position
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I-4. **Ownership.**--Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)

I-5. **Related importers/exporters.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in importing truck and bus tires from China into the United States or that are engaged in exporting truck and bus tires from China to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Address	Affiliation

I-6. **Related producers.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in the production of truck and bus tires?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Address	Affiliation

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

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

II-1. **Contact information.**--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part II.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-2. **Changes in operations.**--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of truck and bus tires since January 1, 2013.

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	plant openings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	plant closings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	relocations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	expansions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	acquisitions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	consolidations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	revised labor agreements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	other (<i>e.g.</i> , technology)	

II-3a. **Production using same machinery.**-- Please report your firm's production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce truck and bus tires, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment and machinery in the periods indicated.

"Overall production capacity" or "capacity" – The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup).

"Production" – All production in your U.S. establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.

Quantity (in 1,000 tires)			
Item	Calendar years		
	2013	2014	2015
Overall production capacity			
Production of:			
Truck and bus tires	0	0	0
Passenger vehicle and light truck (PVL) tires			
Off-the-road (OTR) tires			
Other products ²			
Total	0	0	0
¹ Data entered for production of truck and bus tires will populate here once reported in question II-7. ² Please identify these products: _____			

II-3b. **Operating parameters.**--The production capacity reported in II-3a is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year.

II-3c. **Capacity calculation.**--Please describe the methodology used to calculate overall production capacity reported in II-3a, and explain any changes in reported capacity.

II-3d. **Production constraints.**--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's production capacity.

II-3e. **Product shifting.**—

(i) Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between truck and bus tires and other products using the same equipment and/or labor?

No Yes-- (i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce other products). Please identify other actual or potential products: _____.

(ii) Please describe the factors that affect your firm's ability to shift production capacity between products (e.g., time, cost, relative price change, etc.), and the degree to which these factors enhance or constrain such shifts.

II-4. **Tolling.**--Since January 1, 2013, has your firm been involved in a toll agreement regarding the production of truck and bus tires?

"Toll agreement"--Agreement between two firms whereby the first firm furnishes the raw materials and the second firm uses the raw materials to produce a product that it then returns to the first firm with a charge for processing costs, overhead, etc.

No Yes--Please describe the toll arrangement(s) and name the firm(s) involved

II-5. **Foreign trade zones.**--

- (a) **Firm's FTZ operations.**--Does your firm produce truck and bus tires in and/or admit truck and bus tires into a foreign trade zone (FTZ)?

"Foreign trade zone" is a designated location in the United States where firms utilize special procedures that allow delayed or reduced customs duty payments on foreign merchandise. A foreign trade zone must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

- No Yes--Describe the nature of your firms operations in FTZs and identify the specific FTZ site(s).

- (b) **Other firms' FTZ operations.**--To your knowledge, do any firms in the United States import truck and bus tires into a foreign trade zone (FTZ) for use in distribution of truck and bus tires and/or the production of downstream articles?

- No/Don't know Yes--Identify the firms and the FTZs.

II-6. **Importer.**--Since January 1, 2013, has your firm imported truck and bus tires?

"Importer" – The person or firm primarily liable for the payment of any duties on the merchandise, or an authorized agent acting on his behalf. The importer may be the consignee, or the importer of record.

- No Yes--**COMPLETE AND RETURN A U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

- II-7. **Production, shipment and inventory data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of truck and bus tires in its U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods.

"Average production capacity" or "capacity" – The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).

"Production" – All production in your U.S. establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.

"commercial U.S. shipments" –Shipments made within the United States as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business. Report net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment. The majority of commercial U.S. shipments in this industry is understood to be of unmounted truck and bus tires, but commercial U.S. shipments can include shipments of mounted truck or bus tires if your firm mounts the tires for customers prior to shipment. Any shipments of mounted truck or bus tires reported should include only the value of the tire and, therefore, be exclusive of the value of the wheel/rim on which it was shipped/sold.

"Branded tire" –A truck or bus tire produced or packaged for sale under the name of the manufacturer of the tire or a brand name owned by the manufacturer.

"Private label tire" --A truck or bus tire produced or packaged for sale under the name other than of the manufacturer of the tire or a brand name owned by the manufacturer.

"Internal consumption" – Product consumed internally by your firm.

"Transfers to related firms" –Shipments made to related domestic firms. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"Related firm" –A firm that your firm solely or jointly owns, manages, or otherwise controls. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"Export shipments" –Shipments to destinations outside the United States, including shipments to related firms.

"Inventories"— Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work-in-progress.

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the trade data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the trade data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as production and sales schedules, inventory records, etc.) used to compile these data.

II-7. **Production, shipment and inventory data.--**

Quantity (in 1,000 tires) and value (in \$1,000)			
Item	Calendar years		
	2013	2014	2015
Average production capacity¹ <i>(quantity) (A)</i>			
Beginning-of-period inventories <i>(quantity) (B)</i>			
Production <i>(quantity) (C)</i>			
U.S. shipments:			
Commercial shipments:^{2,3}			
<i>Quantity (D)</i>			
<i>Value (E)</i>			
Internal consumption:			
<i>Quantity (F)</i>			
<i>Value⁴ (G)</i>			
Transfers to related firms:			
<i>Quantity (H)</i>			
<i>Value⁴ (I)</i>			
Export shipments:⁵			
<i>Quantity (J)</i>			
<i>Value (K)</i>			
End-of-period inventories <i>(quantity) (L)</i>			
<p>¹ The production capacity reported is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity _____.</p> <p>²: Of the data reported to U.S. commercial shipments in 2015 above, please indicate the share of quantity _____ (percent) your firm sold as a <u>mounted</u> truck or bus tire.</p> <p>³: Of the data reported to U.S. commercial shipments in 2015 above, please indicate the share of quantity (percent) your firm sold as <u>branded</u> tires (_____ percent) and as <u>private label</u> tires (_____ percent). These two shares should sum to 100.0 percent.</p> <p>⁴ Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. In the event that your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions, please specify that basis (<i>e.g.</i>, cost, cost plus, <i>etc.</i>) and provide value data using that basis for each of the periods noted above: _____.</p> <p>⁵ Identify your firm's principal export markets: _____.</p>			

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line B), plus production (i.e., line C), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

Reconciliation	Calendar years		
	2013	2014	2015
B + C – D – F – H – J – L = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0
¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.			

II-8. **Channels of distribution.**--Report your firm's commercial U.S. shipments by channel of distribution.

Quantity (in 1,000 tires)			
Item	Calendar years		
	2013	2014	2015
Channels of distribution:			
Commercial U.S. shipments:			
To OEMs (quantity) (M)			
To aftermarket suppliers (quantity) (N)			

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--The data reported for the channels of distribution (lines M and N) should be exactly equal to commercial U.S. shipments (line D). Revise the reported data if not.

Reconciliation	Calendar years		
	2013	2014	2015
M + N – D = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0

II-9. **2015 shipments by intended end use.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (*i.e.*, commercial shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) in 2015 by intended end use. If a tire model your firm produces can be used in multiple end use categories, please report your firm's U.S. shipments for that model in the category where it predominately used in in the market (*i.e.*, no double counting).

Quantity (in 1,000 tires) and value (in \$1,000)	
Item	Calendar year 2015
U.S. shipments:	
Of <u>heavy duty</u> (Class 7 & 8) truck and bus tires	
Steer / All position tires ¹	
Quantity (P)	
Value (Q)	
Drive position tires ²	
Quantity (R)	
Value (S)	
Trailer tires ³	
Quantity (T)	
Value (U)	
Of <u>medium duty</u> (Class 6 & below) truck and bus tires	
Steer / All position tires ⁴	
Quantity (V)	
Value (W)	
Drive position tires ⁵	
Quantity (X)	
Value (Y)	
Trailer tires ⁶	
Quantity (Z)	
Value (AA)	
¹ Please list your firm's heavy truck duty steer/all position tire models: _____. ² Please list your firm's heavy truck drive position tire models: _____. ³ Please list your firm's heavy truck trailer tire models: _____. ⁴ Please list your firm's medium truck duty steer/all position tire models: _____. ⁵ Please list your firm's medium truck drive position tire models: _____. ⁶ Please list your firm's medium truck trailer tire models: _____. 	

II-9. **2015 shipments by intended end use.**--Continued

RECONCILIATION.--The data reported for tire application and market tier (lines P through AA) when summed across all columns should equal U.S. shipments in 2015 (lines D, F, and H).

Reconciliation	Calendar year 2015
Quantity: P + R + T + V + X + Z – D – F – H= zero ("0"), if not revise.	0
Value: Q + S + U + W + Y + AA – E – G – I= zero ("0"), if not revise.	0

II-10. **Employment data.**--Report your firm's employment-related data related to the production of truck and bus tires and provide any explanation for any trends in these data.

"Production Related Workers" (PRWs) includes working supervisors and all nonsupervisory workers (including group leaders and trainees) engaged in fabricating, processing, assembling, inspecting, receiving, storage, handling, packing, warehousing, shipping, trucking, hauling, maintenance, repair, janitorial and guard services, product development, auxiliary production for plant's own use (e.g., power plant), recordkeeping, and other services closely associated with the above production operations.

Average number employed may be computed by adding the number of employees, both full time and part time, for the 12 pay periods ending closest to the 15th of the month and divide that total by 12.

"Hours worked" includes time paid for sick leave, holidays, and vacation time. Include overtime hours actually worked; do not convert overtime pay to its equivalent in straight time hours.

"Wages paid" --Total wages paid before deductions of any kind (e.g., withholding taxes, old-age and unemployment insurance, group insurance, union dues, bonds, etc.). Include wages paid directly by your firm for overtime, holidays, vacations, and sick leave.

Item	Calendar years		
	2012	2013	2014
Average number of PRWs (number)			
Hours worked by PRWs (1,000 hours)			
Wages paid to PRWs (\$1,000)			

Explanation of trends:

II-11. **Related firms.**--If your firm reported transfers to related firms in question II-7, please indicate the nature of the relationship between your firm and the related firms (*e.g.*, joint venture, wholly owned subsidiary), whether the transfers were priced at market value or by a non-market formula, whether your firm retained marketing rights to all transfers, and whether the related firms also processed inputs from sources other than your firm.

II-12. **Purchases.**--Other than direct imports, has your firm otherwise purchased abbrproduct since January 1, 2013?

"Purchase" – A transaction to buy product from a U.S. corporate entity such as another U.S. producer, a U.S. distributor, or a U.S. firm that has directly imported the product.

"Direct import" –A transaction to buy from a foreign producer where your firm is the importer of record or consignee.

No Yes--Report such purchases below and explain the reasons for your firms' purchases:

(Quantity in 1,000 tires)			
Item	Calendar years		
	2012	2013	2014
Purchases from U.S. importers¹ of truck and bus tires from— China			
All other sources			
Purchases from domestic producers²			
Purchases from other sources²			
¹ Please list the name of the importer(s) from which your firm purchased this product. If your firm's import suppliers differ by source, please identify the source for each listed supplier: _____. ² Please list the name of the producer(s) or U.S. distributor(s) from which your firm purchased this product: _____.			

- II-13. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II that did not provide a narrative box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

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PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Address questions on this part of the questionnaire to **Charles Yost** (202-205-3432, Charles.yost@usitc.gov).

III-1. **Contact information.**--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

III-2. **Accounting system.**--Briefly describe your firm's financial accounting system.

A. When does your firm's fiscal year end (month and day)? _____
 If your firm's fiscal year changed during the data-collection period, explain below:

B.1. Describe the lowest level of operations (e.g., plant, division, company-wide) for which financial statements are prepared that include truck and bus tires:

2. Does your firm prepare profit/loss statements for truck and bus tires:
 Yes No

3. How often did your firm (or parent company) prepare financial statements (including annual reports, 10Ks)? Please check relevant items below.
 Audited, unaudited, annual reports, 10Ks, 10 Qs,
 Monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually

4. Accounting basis: GAAP, cash, tax, or other comprehensive basis of accounting (specify) _____

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the financial data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the financial data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (financial statements, including internal profit-and-loss statements for the division or product group that includes truck and bus tires, as well as specific statements and worksheets) used to compile these data.

III-3. **Cost accounting system.**--Briefly describe your firm's cost accounting system (e.g., standard cost, job order cost, etc.).

III-4. **Allocation basis.**--Briefly describe your firm's allocation basis, if any, for COGS, SG&A, and interest expense and other income and expenses.

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III-5. **Other products.**--Please list the products your firm produced in the facilities in which your firm produced truck and bus tires, and provide the share of net sales accounted for by these products in your firm's most recent fiscal year.

Products	Share of sales
Truck and bus tires	%
	%
	%
	%
	%

III-6. Does your firm purchase **inputs** (raw materials, labor, energy, or any services) used in the production of truck and bus tires from any related suppliers (e.g., inclusive of transactions between related firms, divisions and/or other components within the same company)?

Yes--Continue to question III-7.
 No--Continue to question III-9a.

III-7. **Inputs from related suppliers.**--Please identify the inputs used in the production of truck and bus tires that your firm purchases from related suppliers and that are reflected in table III-9a. For "Share of total COGS" please report this information by relevant input on the basis of your most recently completed fiscal year. For "Input valuation" please describe the basis, as recorded in your company's own accounting system, of the purchase cost from the related supplier; e.g., the related supplier's actual cost, cost plus, negotiated transfer price to approximate fair market value.

Input	Related supplier	Share of total COGS
Input valuation as recorded in the firm's accounting books and records		

III-8. **Inputs purchased from related suppliers.**--Please confirm that the inputs purchased from related suppliers, as identified in III-7, were reported in III-9a (financial results on truck and bus tires) in a manner consistent with your firm's accounting books and records.

Yes

No--In the space below, please report the valuation basis of inputs purchased from related suppliers as reported in table III-9a.

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Mounted truck and bus tires.--The majority of net sales in this industry is understood to be of unmounted truck and bus tires, but net sales reported in question III-9a can include sales of mounted truck or bus tires. However, any sales of mounted truck or bus tires should exclude the value of the wheel/rim on which it was shipped/sold, and likewise costs associated with the wheel/rim should not be included in the cost data. Additional details relating to the included sales of mounted truck and bus tires are requested in question III-9c (below).

Retreading of truck and bus tires.--The data reported in question III-9a should **not** include any profit or loss information relating to your firm's retreading business. Separate data are requested for those operations in question III-9e (below).

III-9a. **Operations on truck and bus tires.**--Report the revenue and related cost information requested below on the truck and bus tires operations of your firm's U.S. establishment(s).¹ Do not report resale of products. Note that internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. Input purchases from related suppliers should be consistent with and based on information in the firm's accounting books and records. Provide data for your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years. If your firm was involved in tolling operations (either as the toller or as the tollee), please contact Charles Yost at (202) 205-3432 before completing this section of the questionnaire.

Quantity (in 1,000 tires) and value (in \$1,000)			
Item	Fiscal years ended--		
	2013	2014	2015
Net sales quantities: ²			
Commercial sales ("CS")			
Internal consumption ("IC")			
Transfers to related firms ("Transfers")			
Total net sales quantities	0	0	0
Net sales values: ²			
Commercial sales			
Internal consumption			
Transfers to related firms			
Total net sales values	0	0	0
Cost of goods sold (COGS): ³			
Raw materials			
Direct labor			
Other factory costs			
Total COGS	0	0	0
Gross profit or (loss)	0	0	0
Selling, general, and administrative (SG&A) expenses:			
Selling expenses			
General and administrative expenses			
Total SG&A expenses	0	0	0
Operating income (loss)	0	0	0
Other expenses and income:			
Interest expense			
All other expense items			
All other income items			
Net income or (loss) before income taxes	0	0	0
Depreciation/amortization included above			

¹ Include only sales (whether domestic or export) and costs related to your U.S. manufacturing operations.
² Less discounts, returns, allowances, and prepaid freight. The quantities and values should approximate the corresponding shipment quantities and values reported in Part II of this questionnaire.
³ COGS (whether for domestic or export sales) should include costs associated with CS, IC, and Transfers.

Note -- The table above contains calculations that will appear when you have entered data in the MS Word form fields.

III-9 **Operations on truck and bus tires.**—*Continued.*

III-9b. **Raw materials for truck and bus tires.**—Please indicate the share of total raw material costs reported in III-9a in 2015 for the following raw material inputs:

Products	Share of total raw material costs (percent)
Rubber (natural and/or synthetic)	%
Carbon black	%
Fabric	%
Bead wire	%
Other ¹ :	%
Total (should sum to 100 percent)	0.0 %
¹ Please indicate any other notable "other" raw materials not expressly identified above and provide the share of the total raw material costs that they account for: _____	

III-9c. **Sales of mounted truck and bus tires.**—Of the data provided in question III-9a, please provide the share (percent) that your firm sold in 2015 as mounted truck and bus tires: sales quantity _____ percent; sales value _____ percent; and total costs/expenses (COGS and SG&A expenses) _____ percent.

III-9d. **Selling/marketing expenses for truck and bus tires.**—Please describe the primary selling and marketing expenses reported in table III-9a and the manner in which these expenses are distinct with respect to the OEM and replacement markets.

III-9e. **Retread operations.**—Please provide information on your firm’s retread operations for the three most recently completed fiscal years.

Quantity (in 1,000 tires) and value (in \$1,000)			
Item	Fiscal years ended--		
	2013	2014	2015
Number of tires retreaded (1,000 tires)			
Revenue associated with retread operations (\$1,000)			
Total costs/expenses ¹ associated with retread operations (\$1,000)			
Operating profit from retread operations (\$1,000)	0	0	0
Capital expenditures associated with retread operations (\$1,000)			
Research and development expenses associated with retread operations (\$1,000)			
¹ Including COGS and SG&A expenses			

III-9f. **Financial data reconciliation.**--The calculable line items from question III-9a (*i.e.*, total net sales quantities and values, total COGS, gross profit (or loss), total SG&A, and net income (or loss)) have been calculated from the data submitted in the other line items. Do the calculated fields return the correct data according to your firm's financial records ignoring non-material differences that may arise due to rounding?

Yes No--If the calculated fields do not show the correct data, please double check the feeder data for data entry errors and revise.

Also, check signs accorded to the post operating income line items; the two expense line items should report positive numbers (*i.e.*, expenses are positive and incomes or reversals are negative--instances of the latter should be rare in those lines) while the income line item also in most instances should have its value be a positive number (*i.e.*, income is positive, expenses or reversals are negative).

If after reviewing and potentially revising the feeder data your firm has provided, the differences between your records and the calculated fields persist please identify and discuss the differences in the space below.

III-10. **Nonrecurring items (charges and gains) included in the subject product financial results.**--For each annual and interim period for which financial results are reported in question III-9a, please specify all material (significant) nonrecurring items (charges and gains) in the schedule below, the specific table III-9a line item where the nonrecurring items are included, a brief description of the relevant nonrecurring items, and the associated values (*in \$1,000*), as reflected in table III-9a; i.e., if an aggregate nonrecurring item has been allocated to table III-9a, only the allocated value amount included in table III-9a should be reported in the schedule below. Note: The Commission's objective here is to gather information only on material (significant) nonrecurring items which impacted the reported financial results of the subject product in table III-9a.

	Fiscal years ended--		
	2013	2014	2015
Nonrecurring item: In this column please provide a brief description of each nonrecurring item and indicate the specific line item in table III-9a where the nonrecurring item is classified.	Nonrecurring item: In these columns please report the amount of the relevant nonrecurring item reported in table III-9a.		
1. , classified as			
2. , classified as			
3. , classified as			
4. , classified as			
5. , classified as			
6. , classified as			
7. , classified as			

III-11. **Classification of identified nonrecurring items (charges and gains) in the accounting books and records of the company.**--If non-recurring items were reported in table III-10 above, please identify where your company recorded these items in your accounting books and records in the normal course of business; i.e., just as responses to question III-10 identify where these items are reported in table III-9a.

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III-12. **Asset values.**--Report the total assets (i.e., both current and long-term assets) associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of truck and bus tires. If your firm does not maintain some or all of the specific asset information necessary to calculate total assets for truck and bus tires in the normal course of business, please estimate this information based upon a method (such as production, sales, or costs) that is consistent with relevant cost allocations in table III-9a. Provide data as of the end of your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years.

Note: Total assets should reflect net assets after any accumulated depreciation and allowances deducted.

Total assets should be allocated to the subject products if these assets are also related to other products. Please provide a brief explanation if there are any substantial changes in total asset value during the period; e.g., due to asset write-offs, revaluation, and major purchases.

Value (in \$1,000)			
Item	Fiscal years ended--		
	2013	2014	2015
Total assets (net)¹			
¹ Describe _____			

III-13. **Capital expenditures and research and development expenses.**--Report your firm's capital expenditures and research and development expenses for truck and bus tires. Provide data for your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years.

Value (in \$1,000)			
Item	Fiscal years ended--		
	2013	2014	2015
Capital expenditures			
Research and development expenses			
¹ Please describe the nature, focus, and significance of your firm's capital expenditures on the subject product. _____ ² Please describe the nature, focus, and significance of your firm's R&D expenses related to subject product. _____			

III-14. **Data consistency and reconciliation.**--Please indicate whether your firm's financial data for questions III-9a, 12, and 13 are based on a calendar year or on your firm's fiscal year:

Calendar year	Fiscal year	Specify fiscal year
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please note the quantities and values reported in question III-9a should reconcile with the data reported in question II-7 (including export shipments) as long as they are reported on the same calendar year basis.

Do these data in question III-9a reconcile with data in question II-7?

Yes	No	If no, please explain.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-15. **Effects of imports on investment.**--Since January 1, 2013, has your firm experienced any actual negative effects on its return on investment or the scale of capital investments as a result of imports of truck and bus tires from China?

No Yes--My firm has experienced actual negative effects as follows:

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancellation, postponement, or rejection of expansion projects	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Denial or rejection of investment proposal	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction in the size of capital investments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Return on specific investments negatively impacted	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

III-16. **Effects of imports on growth and development.**--Since January 1, 2013, has your firm experienced any actual negative effects on its growth, ability to raise capital, or existing development and production efforts (including efforts to develop a derivative or more advanced version of the product) as a result of imports of truck and bus tires from China?

No Yes--My firm has experienced actual negative effects as follows:

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rejection of bank loans	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lowering of credit rating	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Problem related to the issue of stocks or bonds	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ability to service debt	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

III-17. **Anticipated effects of imports.**--Does your firm anticipate any negative effects due to imports of truck and bus tires from China?

No	Yes	If yes, my firm anticipates negative effects as follows:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-18. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III that did not provide a narrative box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from John Benedetto (202-205-3270, John.Benedetto@usitc.gov) or Michele Breaux (202-205-2781, Michele.Breaux@usitc.gov).

IV-1. **Contact information.**--Please identify the individual that Commission staff may contact regarding the confidential information submitted in part IV.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

PRICE DATA

IV-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2013 of the following products produced by your firm.

Product 1.--Truck and bus tire, tires designated for drive application (excluding all-position/all-purpose tires), size 11R22.5, 16 ply rating, load range of H, speed rating L (75 mph).

Product 2.-- Truck and bus tire, tires designated for drive application (excluding all-position/all-purpose tires), size 11R24.5, 16 ply rating, load range of H, speed rating L (75 mph).

Product 3.-- Truck and bus tire, tires designated for drive application (excluding all-position/all-purpose tires), size 295/75R22.5, 14 ply rating, load range of G, speed rating L (75 mph).

Product 4.-- Truck and bus tire, tires designated for drive application (excluding all-position/all-purpose tires), size 285/75R24.5, 14 ply rating, load range of G, speed rating L (75 mph).

Please note that values should be f.o.b., U.S. point of shipment and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid to your firm (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates). Do not include mounted tires.

During January 2013-December 2015, did your firm produce and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes. --Please complete the following pricing data table as appropriate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No. --Skip to question IV-3.

IV-2(a). **Price data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² produced and sold by your firm to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

US – SALES TO OEMs

Report data in actual number of tires and actual dollars (not 1,000s).

<i>(Quantity in number of tires, value in dollars)</i>								
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2		Product 3		Product 4	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2013:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2014:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2015:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								

¹ Net values (*i.e.*, gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.

Note.--If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:

Product 2:

Product 3:

Product 4:

IV-2(a). **Price data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² produced and sold by your firm into the aftermarket (e.g., to dealers and service centers for tire replacements)

US – SALES TO AFTERMARKET

Report data in actual number of tires and actual dollars (not 1,000s).

<i>(Quantity in number of tires, value in dollars)</i>								
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2		Product 3		Product 4	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2013:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2014:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2015:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								

¹ Net values (*i.e.*, gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.

Note.--If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:
 Product 2:
 Product 3:
 Product 4:

IV-2(b). **Pricing data methodology.**—Please describe the method and the kinds of documents/records that were used to compile your price data.

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Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the price data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the price data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as sales journal, invoices, etc.) used to compile these data.

IV-3. **Price setting.**-- How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of truck and bus tires (*check all that apply*)? If your firm issues price lists, please submit sample pages of a recent list.

Transaction by transaction	Contracts	Set price lists	Other	If other, describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-4. **Discount policy.**--Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-5. **Pricing terms.**--

(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for its U.S.-produced truck and bus tires?

Net 30 days	Net 60 days	2/10 net 30 days	Other	Other (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) On what basis are your firm's prices of domestic truck and bus tires usually quoted (*check one*)?

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-6. **Contract versus spot.**--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced truck and bus tires in 2015 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) short-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

	Type of sale				Total (should sum to 100.0%)
	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Spot sales (for a single delivery)	
Share of 2015 OEM sales	%	%	%	%	0.0 %
Share of 2015 aftermarket sales	%	%	%	%	0.0 %

IV-7. **Contract provisions.**--Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for U.S.-produced truck and bus tires (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long-term, short-term and/or annual contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	Item	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)
Average contract duration	<i>No. of days</i>		365	
Price renegotiation (during contract period)	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fixed quantity and/or price	<i>Quantity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Price</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Both</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet or release provision	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IV-8. **Lead times.**--What is your firm's share of sales from inventory and produced to order and what is the typical lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced truck and bus tires?

Source	Share of 2015 sales	Lead time (average number of days)
From inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

IV-9. **Shipping information.--**

- (a) What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of U.S.-produced truck and bus tires that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? _____ percent
- (b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations?
 Your firm Purchaser (*check one*)
- (c) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of truck and bus tires that are delivered the following distances from its production facility.

Distance from production facility	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

IV-10. **Geographical shipments.--** In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold its U.S.-produced truck and bus tires since January 1, 2013 (check all that apply)?

Geographic area	√ if applicable
Northeast. —CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midwest. —IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southeast. —AL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central Southwest. —AR, LA, OK, and TX.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountains. —AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pacific Coast. —CA, OR, and WA.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. —All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI.	<input type="checkbox"/>

IV-11. **End uses.**--List the end uses of the truck and bus tires that your firm manufactures. For each end-use product, estimate what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by truck and bus tires and other inputs?

End use product	Estimated share of total cost of end use product accounted for by		Total (should sum to 100.0% across)
	Truck and bus tires	Other inputs	
For OEMs, a new Heavy Duty (Class 7 or 8) Truck or Bus ¹	%	%	0.0 %
For OEMs, a new Medium Duty (Class 6 or lower) Truck or Bus ¹	%	%	0.0 %
For Aftermarket, an end use consumer replacing a tire ²	%	%	0.0 %
Other ³	%	%	0.0 %
<p>¹ This line is asking how much do "truck and bus tires" account for the total cost to produce the class of truck or bus in question for an OEM (estimates are acceptable). The other inputs include everything else that makes up a truck/bus. Include trailer costs in this calculation/analysis if appropriate.</p> <p>² This line is asking how much of what the end use customer pays to a dealer or service center is accounted for by the cost of the "truck or bus tires" when replacing a tire or tires. The other inputs could include the tire mounting service provided by the dealer and/or service center.</p> <p>³ Describe the end use .</p>			

IV-12. **Substitutes.**--Can other products be substituted for truck and bus tires?

No Yes--Please fill out the table.

Substitute	End use in which this substitute is used	Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for truck and bus tires?		
		No	Yes	Explanation
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-13. **Demand trends.**--Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for truck and bus tires in the OEM market and the aftermarket has changed since January 1, 2013. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
	OEM market				
Within the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Aftermarket				
Within the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-14. **Product changes.**--Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of truck and bus tires since January 1, 2013?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe and quantify if possible.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-15. **Conditions of competition.**--

(a) Is the truck and bus tires market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to truck and bus tires? If yes, describe.

Check all that apply.	Please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Skip to question IV-16.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for truck and bus tires since January 1, 2013?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-16. **Supply constraints.**--Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply truck and bus tires since January 1, 2013 (examples include placing customers on allocation or "controlled order entry," declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less than the quantity promised, been unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-17. **Raw materials.**--How have truck and bus tires raw materials prices changed since January 1, 2013?

Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for truck and bus tires.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-18. EPA Smartway certified.—

(a) Did your firm sell truck and bus tires classified as EPA Smartway certified?

No	Yes	If yes, estimate the proportion of 2015 sales that were EPA Smartway certified. (percent)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	%

(b) Estimate of the additional price (e.g., the price premium) of a Bus and Truck Tire with EPA Smartway certification relative to one without. ____ to ____ percent

IV-19. Retreading.—

(a) Did your firm sell truck and bus tires with retreading warranties/guarantees?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, estimate the proportion of 2015 sales with retreading warranties/guarantees. percent.		

(b) Estimate of the additional price (e.g., the price premium) of a Bus and Truck Tire with retreading warranties/guarantees relative to one without. ____ to ____ percent

IV-20. Product categories.—Is the U.S. truck and bus tires market divided into categories (e.g., Best/Better/Good; Tier 1/Tier 2/Tier 3; Flagship/Secondary/Mass-market)?

No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If no, please provide a description of how, if at all, the U.S. market for Bus and Truck tires can be categorized: _____.
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please describe each category and identify the producers and brands that belong in each category in the table below.

	Categories	Main distinguishing characteristics	Producers	Brands
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

IV-21. **Branding.**--

(a) Does brand influence the price consumers are willing to pay for truck and bus tires?

No	Yes	Please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) How competitive are private-label tires with their name-brand counterparts? How do they compare in terms of quality and price?

Very competitive	Somewhat competitive	Not competitive	Explanation and factors
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(c) Does your firm sell private label and branded truck and bus tires with the same specifications at different prices?

No	Yes	If yes, please explain and estimate price differences.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-22. **Interchangeability.**--Are truck and bus tires produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (*i.e.*, can they physically be used in the same applications)?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or O in the table below:

A = the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable

F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable

S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable

N = the products are *never* interchangeable

O = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	China	Other countries
United States		
China	X	
For any country-pair producing truck and bus tires that is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:		

IV-23. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between truck and bus tires produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or O in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

O = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	China	Other countries
United States		
China	X	
<p>For any country-pair for which factors other than price <i>always</i> or <i>frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's sales of truck and bus tires, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:</p>		

IV-24. **Customer identification.**--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for truck and bus tires since January 1, 2013. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of truck and bus tires that each of these customers accounted for in 2015.

	Customer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	City	State	Share of 2015 sales (%)
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

IV-25. Competition from imports

- (a) **Lost revenue.**--Since January 1, 2013: To avoid losing sales to competitors selling truck and bus tires from China, did your firm:

	No	Yes
Reduce prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roll back announced price increases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (b) **Lost sales.**--Since January 1, 2013: Did your firm lose sales of truck and bus tires to imports of this product from China?

No	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (c) **The submission of lost sales/lost revenue allegations is to be completed only by NON-PETITIONERS.**

If your firm indicated “yes” to any of the above, your firm can provide the Commission with additional information by downloading and completing the lost sales/lost revenues worksheet at http://usitc.gov/trade_remedy/question.htm. Note that the Commission may contact the firms named to verify the allegations reported.

Is your firm submitting the lost sales/lost revenues worksheet?

<input type="checkbox"/>	No—Please explain.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes—Please complete the worksheet and submit via the Commission dropbox. https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/ . (PIN: TIRES)

- IV-26. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part IV that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a “fillable” form in MS Word format on the Commission’s website at: https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/truck_and_bus_tires_china/preliminary.htm .

Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document. Please submit the completed questionnaire using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word questionnaire or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

- **Upload via Secure Drop Box.**—Upload the MS Word questionnaire along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission’s secure upload facility:

Web address: <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/> **Pin:** **TIRES**

- **E-mail.**—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to nathanael.comly@usitc.gov; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). *Submitters are strongly encouraged to encrypt nonpublic documents that are electronically transmitted to the Commission to protect your sensitive information from unauthorized disclosure. The USITC secure drop-box system and the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) use Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 cryptographic algorithms to encrypt data in transit. Submitting your nonpublic documents by a means that does not use these encryption algorithms (such as by email) may subject your firm’s nonpublic information to unauthorized disclosure during transmission. If you choose a non-encrypted method of electronic transmission, the Commission warns you that the risk of such possible unauthorized disclosure is assumed by you and not by the Commission.*

If your firm does not produce this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

Parties to this proceeding.—If your firm is a party to this proceeding, it is required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission’s Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.