

FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

PASSENGER VEHICLE AND LIGHT TRUCK TIRES FROM CHINA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by April 2, 2015

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 duty and antidumping investigations concerning passenger vehicle and light truck tires ("PVL T tires") from China (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-522 and 731-TA-1258 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Website _____</p> <p>Has your firm produced or exported PVL T tires (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2012?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p>Return questionnaire via the Commission Drop Box by clicking on the following link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: TIRES)</p>
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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 acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout this proceeding 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 proceeding or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and proceedings relating to the 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.

_____ Name of Authorized Official	_____ Title of Authorized Official	_____ Date
_____ Signature	_____ Phone:	_____ Email address
	_____ Fax:	

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.-- This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on June 3, 2014 by United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC (“USW”), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 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 http://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/certain_passenger_vehicle_and_light_truck_tires/final.htm

PVL tires covered by these investigations are new pneumatic tires, of rubber, with a passenger vehicle or light truck size designation. Tires covered by this investigation may be tube-type, tubeless, radial, or non-radial, and they may be intended for sale to original equipment manufacturers or the replacement market.

Subject tires have, at the time of importation, the symbol “DOT” on the sidewall, certifying that the tire conforms to applicable motor vehicle safety standards. Subject tires may also have the following prefixes or suffix in their tire size designation, which also appears on the sidewall of the tire:

Prefix designations:

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

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

Suffix letter designations:

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

All tires with a “P” or “LT” prefix, and all tires with an “LT” suffix in their sidewall markings are covered by these investigations regardless of their intended use. In addition, all tires that lack a “P” or “LT” prefix or suffix in their sidewall markings, as well as all tires that include any other prefix or suffix in their sidewall markings, are included in the scope, regardless of their intended use, as long as the tire is of a size that is among the numerical size designations listed in the passenger car section or light truck section of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book, as updated annually, unless the tire falls within one of the specific exclusions set out below.

Passenger vehicle and light truck tires, whether or not attached to wheels or rims, are included in the scope. However, if a subject tire is imported attached to a wheel or rim, only the tire is covered by the scope.

Specifically excluded from the scope of this investigation are the following types of tires:

- (1) racing car tires; such tires do not bear the symbol “DOT” on the sidewall and may be marked with “ZR” in size designation;
- (2) new pneumatic tires, of rubber, of a size that is not listed in the passenger car section or light truck section of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book;
- (3) pneumatic tires, of rubber, that are not new, including recycled and retreaded tires;
- (4) non-pneumatic tires, such as solid rubber tires;

(5) tires designed and marketed exclusively as temporary use spare tires for passenger vehicles which, in addition, exhibit each of the following physical characteristics:

- (a) the size designation and load index combination molded on the tire's sidewall are listed in Table PCT-1B ("T" Type Spare Tires for Temporary Use on Passenger Vehicles) of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book,
- (b) the designation "T" is molded into the tire's sidewall as part of the size designation, and,
- (c) the tire's speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by Tire and Rim Association Year Book, and the rated speed is 81 MPH or a "M" rating;

(6) tires designed and marketed exclusively for specialty tire (ST) use which, in addition, exhibit each of the following physical characteristics (The Department of Commerce is currently suspending requirements (6)(d) and (e); therefore, tires entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption that meet exclusion requirements (6)(a)–(c) are excluded from the scope of this investigation):

- (a) the size designation molded on the tire's sidewall is listed in the ST sections of the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*,
- (b) the designation "ST" is molded into the tire's sidewall as part of the size designation,
- (c) the tire incorporates a warning, prominently molded on the sidewall, that the tire is "For Trailer Service Only" or "For Trailer Use Only",
- (d) the load index molded on the tire's sidewall meets or exceeds those load indexes listed in the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book* for the relevant ST tire size, and
- (e) the tire's speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by TRA, and the speed does not exceed 81 MPH or an "M" rating;

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

- (a) the size designation and load index combination molded on the tire's sidewall are listed in the off-the-road, agricultural, industrial or ATV section of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book,
- (b) in addition to any size designation markings, the tire incorporates a warning, prominently molded on the sidewall, that the tire is "Not For Highway Service" or "Not for Highway Use",
- (c) the tire's speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by the Tire and Rim Association Year Book, and the rated speed does not exceed 55 MPH or a "G" rating, and
- (d) the tire features a recognizable off-road tread design.

The products covered by the investigations are currently classified under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings: 4011.10.10.10, 4011.10.10.20, 4011.10.10.30, 4011.10.10.40, 4011.10.10.50, 4011.10.10.60, 4011.10.10.70, 4011.10.50.00, 4011.20.10.05, and 4011.20.50.10. Tires meeting the scope description may also enter under the following HTSUS subheadings: 4011.99.45.10, 4011.99.45.50, 4011.99.85.10, 4011.99.85.50, 8708.70.45.45, 8708.70.45.60, 8708.70.60.30, 8708.70.60.45, and 8708.70.60.60. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

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, purchaser and/or foreign producer 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.

- I-1. **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 20 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-2. **Establishments covered.**--Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

“Establishment”--Each facility of a firm in China involved in the production or export of PVL T tires, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities. Firms operating more than one establishment in China should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

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- I-3. **Related U.S. producers.**--Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce PVL T tires in the United States or other countries?

No Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire.

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I-4. **Related U.S. importers.**--Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import PVLT tires into the United States?

No Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire.

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I-5. **U.S. importers.**--Please provide the names, street addresses (not P.O. boxes), contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's PVLT tires in 2014.

	Importer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	Street address (not P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Share of your firm's 2014 U.S. exports (%)
1					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
2					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
3					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
4					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
5					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from **Justin Enck (202-205-3363, Justin.enck@usitc.gov)**. 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 PVLТ tires since January 1, 2012.

<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-3. **Anticipated changes in operations.**--Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of PVLТ tires in the future?

- No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue. **Include in the response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce PVLТ tires (in 1,000 tires) for 2015 and 2016.**

II-4. **Production and capacity.**—

- (a) **Production using same machinery.**—Please report your firm's production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce PVLТ tires, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment and machinery.

"Average production capacity" or "capacity" --The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in that establishment using the same manufacturing equipment. 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 establishment(s) in China, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Item	Quantity in (1,000 tires)		
	Calendar years		
	2012	2013	2014
Overall production capacity			
Production of:			
PVLТ tires ¹	0	0	0
Other products ²			
Total	0	0	0
¹ Data entered for production of PVLТ tires will populate here once reported in question II-10. ² Please identify these products:			

- (b) **Operating parameters.**--The production capacity (see definitions in instruction booklet) reported in II-4a is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year.

II-4. **Production and capacity.**—*Continued.*

- (c) **Capacity calculation.**--Please describe the methodology used to calculate overall production capacity reported in II-4a, and explain any changes in reported capacity.

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

- (e) **Product shifting.**—

- (i). Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between PVLT 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-5. **Share of sales.**--What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of PVLT tires? _____ percent

- II-6. **Firm's estimated share of production in China.**--Please estimate the percentage of total production of PVLT tires in the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's production in 2014. _____ percent

- II-7. **Firm's estimated share of country's exports.**--Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of PVLT tires from the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's exports in 2014. _____ percent

II-8. **Inventories in the United States.**--Has your firm, since 2012, maintained any inventories of PVL T tires in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in question I-3)?

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

No Yes--Report the quantity of such end-of-period inventories below.

Quantity in (1,000 tires)			
Item	Calendar year		
	2012	2013	2014
Inventory			

II-9. **Third country trade actions.**--Are the PVL T tires exported by your firm subject to antidumping/countervailing duty/safeguard findings, remedies, or proceedings?

No Yes--List the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies/proceedings.

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- II-10. **Trade data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of PVLV tires in your establishment(s) in China during the specified periods.

Do not submit data by manufacturing facility if they are in the same country. If your firm has multiple manufacturing establishments within one country, you are required to combine data for those establishments within one foreign producer questionnaire response.

Do not submit data on multiple countries combined. The establishments reported here should all be located in the country of the firm's address reported on the certification page. Multinational companies with production in multiple subject countries should submit separate foreign producer questionnaire responses for each subject country.

"Shipments"--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in China. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Home market commercial shipments"--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within China.

"Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms"--Shipments made to related firms in China, including product consumed internally by your firm.

"Export shipments"--Shipments to destinations outside China, including shipments to related firms.

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

II-10. Trade data.--Continued.

Item	Quantity (in 1,000 tires)				
	Actual experience			Projections ¹	
	Calendar year			Calendar year	
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Average production capacity ² (A)					
Beginning-of-period inventories (B)					
Production (C)					
Home market shipments: Internal consumption/ transfers (D)					
Commercial shipments (E)					
Exports to the United States (F)					
Exports to all other markets ³ (G)					
Total exports (H) (should equal F+G)	0	0	0	0	0
Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G)	0	0	0	0	0
End-of-period inventories (J)					
<p>¹ Please explain the basis for your firm's projections.</p> <p>² 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>³ Identify principal other export markets.</p>					

II-10. **Trade data.**—*Continued.*

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line J) 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, E, F, and G). 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.

Item	Actual experience			Projections	
	Calendar year			Calendar year	
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
B + C – D – E – F – G – J = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0
¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate.					

II-11. **Private label and branded tire production.**—

- (a) **Private label.**—Does your firm produce tires for sale under a private label (i.e., a tire produced or packaged for sale under the name other than that of the manufacturer of the tire or a brand name owned by that manufacturer)?

No Yes--Please identify the names of the private labels that your firm produces.

- (b) **Branded tires.**—Does your firm produce branded tires (i.e., a tire produced or packaged for sale under the name of the manufacturer of the tire or a brand name owned by that manufacturer)?

No Yes--Please identify the names of the branded tires that your firm produces.

II-12. **Branded and private label tires.**—Please report your firm’s exports to the United States of branded and/or private label tires.

Quantity (in 1,000 tires) and value (in \$1,000)			
Item	Calendar years		
	2012	2013	2014
Exports to the United States of branded tires (<i>quantity</i>)			
Exports to the United States of private label tires (<i>quantity</i>)			
Total			
Exports to the United States of branded tires (<i>value</i>)			
Exports to the United States of private label tires (<i>value</i>)			
Total			

Please provide an explanation of any trends regarding the branded and/or private label tire data in the table above:

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.

HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a “fillable” form in MS Word format on the Commission’s website at:

http://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/certain_passenger_vehicle_and_light_truck_tires/final.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 your questionnaire to justin.enck@usitc.gov; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). *Please note that submitting your questionnaire by e-mail may subject your firm’s business proprietary information to transmission over an unsecure environment and to possible disclosure. If you choose this option, the Commission warns you that any risk involving possible disclosure of such information is assumed by the submitter and not by the Commission.*

If your firm did not produce or export 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, you are 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.