



## FACT SHEET

### **Commerce Initiates Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations on New Pneumatic Off-The-Road-Tires from the People's Republic of China**

- On July 31, the Department of Commerce announced its decision to initiate antidumping and countervailing duty investigations on imports of new pneumatic off-the-road tires from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Titan Tire Corporation (Titan) (IA), and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC (USW) (PA) are the petitioners for these investigations.
- The merchandise covered by these investigations includes new pneumatic off-the-road tires designed for off-the-road and off-highway use. The subject merchandise can be of tube-type or tubeless, radial or non-radial forms.
- Pneumatic off-the-road tires are classifiable under subheadings 4011.20.10.25, 4011.20.10.35, 4011.20.50.30, 4011.20.50.50, 4011.61.00.00, 4011.62.00.00, 4011.63.00.00, 4011.69.00.00, 4011.92.00.00, 4011.93.40.00, 4011.93.80.00, 4011.94.40.00, and 4011.94.80.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.
- These investigations exclude tires of a kind designed primarily for on highway or on-road use, including passenger cars, race cars, station wagons, sport utility vehicles, minivans, mobile homes, motorcycles, bicycles, on-road or on-highway trailers, light trucks, trucks and busses, and other such vehicles. Also excluded are tires of a kind used on aircraft, all-terrain vehicles, and vehicles for turf, lawn and garden, golf and trailer applications.
- From 2004 to 2006, imports of new pneumatic off-the-road tires from China increased 30 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$339.6 million in 2006.

### **NEXT STEPS**

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about August 24, 2007.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue. Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary countervailing duty determination in October 2007, and its preliminary antidumping duty determination in December 2007.

### Alleged Dumping Margin Range/Subsidy Rate:

	MARGIN	SUBSIDY RATE
CHINA	30.49 - 210.48%	Above <i>de minimis</i>

\* *de minimis* = less than 1% for developed countries; less than 2% for developing countries.

### Case Calendar:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	June 18, 2007	June 18, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	July 9, 2007	July 9, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	August 24, 2007	August 24, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	December 17, 2007	October 3, 2007
DOC Final Determinations*	February 28, 2008	December 17, 2007
ITC Final Determination**	April 14, 2008	January 31, 2008
Issuance of Orders***	April 21, 2008	February 7, 2008

\* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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

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### Import Statistics:

CHINA	2004	2005	2006
Volume (No. of Tires)	11,226,320	12,356,498	14,950,160
Value (\$US)	142,039,856	232,595,403	339,562,664

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission Dataweb for HTSUS subheadings: 4011.20.10.25, 4011.20.10.35, 4011.20.50.30, 4011.20.50.50, 4011.61.00.00, 4011.62.00.00, 4011.63.00.00, 4011.69.00.00, 4011.92.00.00, 4011.93.40.00, 4011.93.80.00, 4011.94.40.00, and 4011.94.80.00, which are basket categories.