



## **INSTRUCTION BOOKLET**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR COMMISSION FOREIGN PRODUCER/EXPORTER QUESTIONNAIRES**

**Certain Off-the-Road Tires from China  
Investigation Nos. 701-TA-448 and 731-TA-1117 (Final)**

*Further information.--If you have any questions concerning the enclosed questionnaire(s) or other matters related to these investigations, you may contact the following member of the Commission's staff (Fax 202-205-3205):*

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

***Background.***--These investigations were instituted in response to a petition filed on June 18, 2007, by Titan Tire Corporation, Des Moines, IA , and United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC ("USW"), Pittsburgh, PA. Antidumping and countervailing duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these investigations if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce makes affirmative determination of subsidization or dumping.

Questionnaires and other information pertinent to these investigations are available at [http://www.usitc.gov/trade\\_remedy/731\\_ad\\_701\\_cvd/investigations/2008/tires\\_from\\_china/final\\_phase.htm](http://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/2008/tires_from_china/final_phase.htm). Address all correspondence to the United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals can obtain information regarding these investigations via the Commission's TDD terminal (202-205-1810).

***Due date of questionnaire(s).***--Return the completed questionnaire(s) to the United States International Trade Commission by no later than May 1, 2008. Although the enclosed postpaid envelope may be used to return the completed questionnaire, use of an overnight mail service may be necessary to ensure that your response actually reaches the Commission by May 1, 2008. If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of Elizabeth Haines. **Return only one copy of the completed questionnaire(s), but please keep a copy for your records so that you can refer to it if the Commission staff contacts you with any questions during the course of the investigation.**

***Service of questionnaire response(s).***--In the event that your firm is a party to these investigations, you are required to serve a copy of the questionnaire(s), once completed, on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties is maintained by the Commission's Secretary and may be obtained by calling 202-205-1803. A certificate of service must accompany the copy of the completed questionnaire(s) you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7).

***Confidentiality.***--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to the enclosed questionnaire(s) 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, nonnumerical 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.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued**

**Verification.**--The information submitted in the enclosed questionnaire(s) is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all your workpapers and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response(s).

**Release of information.**--The information provided by your firm in response to the questionnaire(s), as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with the investigation, 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 these investigations or other import-injury investigations 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.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer all questions.**--Do not leave any question or section blank unless a questionnaire expressly directs you to skip over certain questions or sections. If the answer to any question is "none," write "none." **If information is not readily available from your records in exactly the form requested, furnish carefully prepared estimates--designated as such by the letter "E"--and explain the basis of your estimates.** Answers to questions and any necessary comments or explanations should be supplied in the space provided or on separate sheets attached to the appropriate page of the questionnaire(s). If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with these investigations (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser, and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

**Consolidate all establishments in China.**--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in China. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS--Continued**

**Filing instructions.**—Questionnaires may be filed either in paper form or electronically.

### **OPTIONS FOR FILING IN PAPER FORM**

- **Overnight mail service.**—Mail to the following address:

**United States International Trade Commission  
Office of Investigations, Room 615  
500 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20024**

- **Fax.**—Fax to 202.205.3205.
- **U.S. mail.**—Mail to the address above, but use zip code 20436. *This option is not recommended. U.S. mail sent to government offices undergoes additional processing to screen for hazardous materials; this additional processing results in substantial delays in delivery.*

### **OPTIONS FOR FILING ELECTRONICALLY**

This questionnaire is available in “fillable” MS Word form format on the Commission’s website at [http://www.usitc.gov/trade\\_remedy/731\\_ad\\_701\\_cvd/investigations/2008/tires\\_from\\_china/finalphase.htm](http://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/2008/tires_from_china/finalphase.htm). You may complete the questionnaire electronically, print it out, and submit it in paper form as described above, or you may submit it electronically through one of the following means:

- **Compact disc (CD).**—Copy your questionnaire onto a CD, include a signed certification page (page 1) (either in paper form or scanned PDF copied onto CD), and mail to the address above. *It is strongly recommended that you use an **overnight mail service**. U.S. mail sent to government offices undergoes additional processing which not only results in substantial delays in delivery but may also damage CDs.*
- **E-mail.**—E-mail your questionnaire to the investigator identified on page 1 of the Instruction Booklet; include in the e-mail subject line: BPI Questionnaire, **INV. NOS. 448 and 1117**. *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.*

Note: If you choose to submit this questionnaire electronically, please also include a scanned PDF of the signed certification page (page 1). Your questionnaire will not be accepted into the record without a signed certification page. In addition, if service of the questionnaire is required, such service should be made in paper form.

## INSTRUCTIONS--Continued

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING VIA EDIS

#### **STEP 1: REGISTER AS A NEW USER IN EDIS** (current registered users may skip this step)

- The authorized official whose name appears under the Certification at the bottom of page 1 of the questionnaire should be the person who completes the registration in EDIS
- Go to <https://eofpub.usitc.gov/edis-efile/app>
- Click on Register
- Read and accept the Terms of Use Agreement
- Complete the EDIS Online User Registration form
  - In the **Firm/Organization** field, select **Questionnaire Respondent**
- Click **Submit Registration**

#### **STEP 2: ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE(S) IN EDIS**

- Click on E-File Documents
- Under **Submitter Information**, type the name of your firm in the **Filed On Behalf Of** field
- Under **Investigation Information**, click on **Find Investigation**
  - For **Investigation Phase**, select **“Final”** and for **Investigation Number**, type **“701-448”**; Click on **Find Investigation**
  - Click in the circle to the left of the investigation number that appears, then click on **Select** and confirm by clicking **OK**
- Under **Document Filing Information**—
  - For **Document Type**, select **Questionnaire – Foreign Producer, Questionnaire – Importer, Questionnaire – Purchaser, or Questionnaire – U.S. Producer**, as appropriate
  - Leave **Document Title** field blank
- Under **Add Document Attachments for Electronic Submission**—
  - In the **Attach File** field, click on **Browse**, locate your MS Word questionnaire file, and double-click the file
  - The **Attachment Title** field is optional
  - Click on **Attach Files** (note that your file will be listed below under **Attachments**)
  - You must attach a scanned PDF of the signed certification page (page 1). If you wish to attach any other files, i.e., supporting documents, do so at this time (unlike the questionnaire itself, these additional documents **must** be PDFs). **Only one questionnaire may be filed at a time.**
  - When you have attached all relevant files, click on **Submit Document w/attachments**. An **EDIS Document Submission Confirmation** screen will appear. Confirm the information and click on **Accept Information**. An **EDIS Notice of Receipt of Electronic Documents** will appear, which completes the process. If you wish to electronically file another questionnaire, repeat Step 2.

## **DEFINITIONS**

***Certain Off-The-Road (“OTR”) Tires.***--The products covered by these investigations are new pneumatic tires designed for off-the-road (OTR) and off-highway use, subject to exceptions identified below. Certain OTR tires are generally designed, manufactured and offered for sale for use on off-road or off- highway surfaces, including but not limited to, agricultural fields, forests, construction sites, factory and warehouse interiors, airport tarmacs, ports and harbors, mines, quarries, gravel yards, and steel mills. The vehicles and equipment for which certain OTR tires are designed for use include, but are not limited to: (1) agricultural and forestry vehicles and equipment, including agricultural tractors,<sup>1</sup> combine harvesters,<sup>2</sup> agricultural high clearance sprayers,<sup>3</sup> industrial tractors,<sup>4</sup> log-skidders,<sup>5</sup> agricultural implements, highway- towed implements, agricultural logging, and agricultural, industrial, skid-steers/ mini-loaders;<sup>6</sup> (2) construction vehicles and equipment, including earthmover articulated dump products, rigid frame haul trucks,<sup>7</sup> front loaders,<sup>8</sup> dozers,<sup>9</sup> lift trucks, straddle carriers,<sup>10</sup> graders,<sup>11</sup> mobile cranes, compactors; and (3) industrial vehicles and equipment, including smooth floor, industrial, mining, counterbalanced lift trucks, industrial and mining vehicles other than smooth floor, skid-steers/ mini-loaders, and smooth floor off-the- road counterbalanced lift trucks.<sup>12</sup> The foregoing list of vehicles and equipment generally have in common that they are used for hauling, towing, lifting, and/or loading a wide variety of equipment and materials in agricultural, construction and industrial settings. The foregoing descriptions are illustrative of the types of vehicles and

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<sup>1</sup> Agricultural tractors are four-wheeled vehicles usually with large rear tires and small front tires that are used to tow farming equipment.

<sup>2</sup> Combine harvesters are used to harvest crops such as corn or wheat.

<sup>3</sup> Agricultural sprayers are used to irrigate agricultural fields.

<sup>4</sup> Industrial tractors are four-wheeled vehicles usually with large rear tires and small front tires that are used to tow industrial equipment.

<sup>5</sup> A log skidder has a grappling lift arm that is used to grasp, lift and move trees that have been cut down to a truck or trailer for transport to a mill or other destination.

<sup>6</sup> Skid-steer loaders are four-wheel drive vehicles with the left-side drive wheels independent of the right-side drive wheels and lift arms that lie alongside the driver with the major pivot points behind the driver’s shoulders. Skid-steer loaders are used in agricultural, construction and industrial settings.

<sup>7</sup> Haul trucks, which may be either rigid frame or articulated (i.e., able to bend in the middle) are typically used in mines, quarries and construction sites to haul soil, aggregate, mined ore, or debris.

<sup>8</sup> Front loaders have lift arms in front of the vehicle. It can scrape material from one location to another, carry material in its bucket or load material into a truck or trailer.

<sup>9</sup> A dozer is a large four-wheeled vehicle with a dozer blade that is used to push large quantities of soil, sand, rubble, etc., typically around construction sites. They can also be used to perform “rough grading” in road construction.

<sup>10</sup> A straddle carrier is a rigid frame, engine- powered machine that is used to load and offload containers from container vessels and load them onto (or off of) tractor trailers.

<sup>11</sup> A grader is a vehicle with a large blade used to create a flat surface. Graders are typically used to perform “finish grading.” Graders are commonly used in maintenance of unpaved roads and road construction to prepare the base course onto which asphalt or other paving material will be laid.

<sup>12</sup> A counterbalanced lift truck is a rigid frame, engine-powered machine with lift arms that has additional weight incorporated into the back of the machine to offset or counterbalance the weight of loads that it lifts so as to prevent the vehicle from overturning. An example of a counterbalanced lift truck is a counterbalanced fork lift truck. Counterbalanced lift trucks may be designed for use on smooth floor surfaces, such as a factory or warehouse, or other surfaces, such as construction sites, mines, etc.

## **DEFINITIONS--Continued**

equipment that use certain OTR tires, but are not necessarily all-inclusive. While the physical characteristics of certain OTR tires will vary depending on the specific applications and conditions for which the tires are designed (e.g., tread pattern and depth), all of the tires within the scope have in common that they are designed for off-road and off-highway use. Except as discussed below, OTR tires included in the scope of the petitions range in size (rim diameter) generally but not exclusively from 8 inches to 54 inches. The tires may be either tube-type or tubeless, radial or non-radial, and intended for sale either to original equipment manufacturers or the replacement market. The subject merchandise is currently imported under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) statistical reporting numbers: 4011.20.1025, 4011.20.1035, 4011.20.5030, 4011.20.5050, 4011.61.0000, 4011.62.0000, 4011.63.0000, 4011.69.0000, 4011.92.0000, 4011.93.4000, 4011.93.8000, 4011.94.4000, and 4011.94.8000. While HTSUS statistical reporting numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, our written description of the scope is dispositive.

Specifically **excluded** from the scope are new pneumatic tires designed, manufactured and offered for sale 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, and trucks and buses. Such tires generally have in common that the symbol “DOT” must appear on the sidewall, certifying that the tire conforms to applicable motor vehicle safety standards. Such excluded tires may also have the following designations that are used by the Tire and Rim Association:

Prefix letter designations:

- P - Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on passenger cars;
- LT - Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on light trucks; and,
- ST - Identifies a special tire for trailers in highway service.

Suffix letter designations:

- TR - Identifies a tire for service on trucks, buses, and other vehicles with rims having specified rim diameter of nominal plus 0.156” or plus 0.250”;
- MH - Identifies tires for Mobile Homes;
- HC - Identifies a heavy duty tire designated for use on “HC” 15” tapered rims used on trucks, buses, and other vehicles. This suffix is intended to differentiate among tires for light trucks, and other vehicles or other services, which use a similar designation. Example: 8R17.5 LT, 8R17.5 HC;
- LT - Identifies light truck tires for service on trucks, buses, trailers, and multipurpose passenger vehicles used in nominal highway service; and
- MC - Identifies tires and rims for motorcycles.

The following types of tires are **also excluded** from the scope: pneumatic tires that are not new, including recycled or retreaded tires and used tires; non-pneumatic tires, including solid rubber tires; tires of a kind used on aircraft, all-terrain vehicles, and vehicles for turf, lawn and garden, golf and trailer applications; and, tires of a kind used for mining and construction vehicles

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and equipment that have a rim diameter equal to or exceeding 39 inches. Such tires may be distinguished from other tires of similar size by the number of plies that the construction and mining tires contain (minimum of 16) and the weight of such tires (minimum 1500 pounds). The written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.

**Firm**.--An individual proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation (including any subsidiary corporation), business trust, cooperative, trustee in bankruptcy, or receiver under decree of any court.

**Related firm**.--A firm that your firm solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled; a firm that solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm; and/or a firm that was solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled by a firm that also solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm.

**Establishment**.--Each facility of a firm in China involved in the production of OTR tires (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

**United States**.--For purposes of these investigations, the 50 States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

**Importer**.--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing OTR tires (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

**Average production 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 establishment(s) in China, including production consumed internally within your firm.



**DEFINITIONS**—*Continued*

**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.