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Inv. Nos. 701-TA-522 and 731-TA-1258(P)

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## USITC VOTES TO CONTINUE CASES ON CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLE AND LIGHT TRUCK TIRES FROM CHINA

The United States International Trade Commission (USITC) today determined that there is a reasonable indication that a U.S. industry is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of certain passenger vehicle and light truck tires from China that are allegedly subsidized and sold in the United States at less than fair value.

Chairman Meredith M. Broadbent, Vice Chairman Dean A. Pinkert, and Commissioners Irving A. Williamson, David S. Johanson, F. Scott Kieff, and Rhonda K. Schmidlein voted in the affirmative.

As a result of the Commission's affirmative determinations, the U.S. Department of Commerce will continue to conduct its investigations on imports of these products from China, with its preliminary countervailing duty determinations due on or about August 27, 2014, and its antidumping duty determinations due on or about November 10, 2014.

The Commission's public report *Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires from China* (Investigation Nos. 701-TA-522 and 731-TA-1258 (Preliminary), USITC Publication 4482, August 2014) will contain the views of the Commission and information developed during the investigations.

The report will be available after August 26, 2014. After that date, it may be accessed on the USITC website at: [http://pubapps.usitc.gov/applications/publogs/qry\\_publication\\_loglist.asp](http://pubapps.usitc.gov/applications/publogs/qry_publication_loglist.asp).

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### FACTUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires from China  
Investigation Nos. 701-TA-522 and 731-TA-1258 (Preliminary)

**Product Description:** New pneumatic passenger vehicle and light truck (PVLT) tires, of rubber, with tire size designations, whether or not mounted to wheels. PVLT tires are designed for use on passenger cars and associated multipurpose vehicles, and light trucks. Subject tires typically range from 13 to 24 inches in rim diameter and may be tubeless or tube-type, radial or non-radial in construction, intended for sale to original equipment manufacturers or the replacement market. PVLT tires must carry the symbol "DOT" on the sidewall, certifying applicable motor vehicle standards. Subject tire sidewalls may or may not be marked with a "P" for passenger cars and associated vehicles, or an "LT" for light trucks; however, all subject product tires must conform to Tire and Rim Association Year Book specifications. Excluded from the scope are tires absent the DOT symbol, used or retreaded tires, or non-pneumatic tires such as solid rubber tires.

Status of Proceedings:

1. Type of investigations: Preliminary antidumping and countervailing duty.
2. Petitioner: United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union ("USW"), Pittsburgh, PA.
3. Preliminary investigations instituted by the USITC: June 3, 2014.
4. Commission's conference: June 24, 2014.
5. USITC vote: July 22, 2014.
6. USITC determinations to the U.S. Department of Commerce: August 1, 2014.
7. USITC views to the U.S. Department of Commerce: August 5, 2014.

U.S. Industry:

1. Number of producers in 2013: Nine.
2. Location of producers' plants: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas,

Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia.

3. Employment of production and related workers in 2013: 29,000.
4. Apparent U.S. consumption in 2013: \$22.3 billion.
5. Ratio of the value of total U.S. imports to total U.S. consumption in 2013: 47 percent.

U.S. Imports:

1. From the subject country during 2013: \$ 2.3 billion.
2. From other countries during 2013: \$ 8.2 billion.
3. Leading sources during 2013: China, Canada, Korea, and Japan (in terms of total value).

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