

**The Arab Republic of Egypt**  
**Ministry of Trade and Industry**  
**Trade Remedies Sector**  
**Notice No. (1) of the Year 2024**  
**On the Initiation of an Interim Review of the Definitive Anti-Dumping Duties**  
**Imposed on Dumped Imports**  
**of New Pneumatic Tires, of Rubber, of a Kind Used on Buses or Lorries,**  
**Other than Light Trucks (Pickup) Tires**  
**Originating in or Exported from**  
**The People’s Republic of China and Thailand**

Pursuant to the provisions of Law No. 161 of the year 1998 concerning the Protection of the National Economy from the Injurious Effects of Unfair Practices in International Trade and its Executive Regulation, issued by virtue of Ministerial Decree No. 549 of the year 1998 and the amendments thereof (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulation”) and

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 55 of the Executive Regulation, His Excellency the Minister of Trade and Industry approved, on 4/2/2024, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to initiate an interim review and publish a notice of initiation in the Egyptian *Official Gazette* in accordance with the provisions of Article (10) of the Regulation and in light of the conclusions reached by the Trade Remedies Sector, hereinafter referred to as the “Investigating Authority”, (the IA).

## **1. Procedures**

On 14/12/2023, the IA received a properly documented request from the domestic industry represented by Prometeon Tire Group (formerly Alexandria Tire Co.), hereinafter referred to as “the domestic industry”, to review the definitive anti-dumping duties imposed on the imports of New Pneumatic Tires, of Rubber, of a Kind Used on Buses or Lorries, Other than Light Trucks (Pickup) Tires, alleging that there is an increase in dumping practices by the countries subject to the duties causing a deterioration in the indices of the domestic industry.

The IA examined the review request and submitted, on 2/1/2024, a report to the Advisory Committee, which, in turn, submitted its recommendations to His Excellency Minister of Trade and Industry concerning the initiation of an interim review of the definitive anti-dumping duties imposed on the product under review and the publication of the notice of initiation in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*.

## **2. Product under Review**

The product under review is “New Pneumatic Tires, of Rubber, of a Kind Used on Buses or Lorries, Other than Light Trucks (Pickup)” commonly known as Rubber Tires used on Buses and Lorries originating in or exported from the People’s Republic of China and Thailand.

**The product under review is classified under H.S tariff code:**

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The above-mentioned description is the sole description of the product under review and the information submitted on the H.S. tariff code is for reference only.

**3. Domestic Industry**

The domestic industry is represented by Prometeon Tire Group (formerly known as Alexandria Tire Co.) whose production of the like product represents 100 % of the total domestic production.

**4. Period of Review**

-The period of review for dumping evaluation from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023.

- The period of review for injury evaluation from 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2023.

**5. Current Applied Duties**

The current applied duties are definitive anti-dumping duties imposed by virtue of the Ministerial Decree No. (116) of the year 2021 on the imports of New Pneumatic Tires, of Rubber, of a Kind Used on Buses or Lorries, Other than Light Trucks (Pickup) Tires, originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China and Thailand at rates ranging from 9.8 % to 36.9 % of CIF value and not less than 17 US\$/ tire to 51 US \$/ tire for the Chinese companies and at rates ranging from 7.5 % to 31.2 % of CIF value and not less than 20 US \$/ tire to 66 US \$/ tire for the Thailand companies.

**6. Dumping**

The domestic industry based the allegation of the increase in dumping practices by the countries subject to the duties on a comparison between the export prices of the product imported from China and Thailand and the selling prices in the domestic market of those countries. The comparison resulted in an increase in the dumping margins for those countries, amounting to 125.56 % for China and 40.98 % for Thailand, which necessitates a re-assessment of the dumping duties.

**7. Injury**

The domestic industry alleged that the anti-dumping duties were not sufficient to eliminate injury. Rather, the domestic industry suffers from more injury because of the increased practice of dumping by the countries concerned, which leads to a re-assessment of the injury. The aspects of this injury are represented in:

1. An increase in the volume of imports in absolute and relative terms,
2. Price undercutting,
3. Price depression,
4. A decline in the volume of domestic sales,
5. A decline in the market share of domestic sales,

6. A decline in the volume of production,
7. A decline in the rate of capacity utilization,
8. An increase in losses,
9. A decline in productivity.

## **8. Questionnaires and Collection of Information**

In order to obtain the necessary information, the IA will send questionnaires to the known foreign producers and exporters and will send questionnaires to the unknown foreign producers and exporters through their embassies in Cairo.

Questionnaires will also be sent to the domestic industry and the known importers of the product under review.

The unknown foreign producers, exporters and the importers of the product under review shall make themselves known to the IA in order to receive a copy of the questionnaires within a 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Egyptian *Official Gazette* in order to submit their respective responses within time limits.

All parties shall submit their responses to the questionnaires to the IA within 37 days from the date of their receipt.

## **9. Sampling Techniques**

Pursuant to Article (24) of the Regulation, the IA may apply the sampling technique in case of the existence of a large number of interested parties or of the products under investigation.

### **A) Sampling Technique for Foreign Exporters/Producers**

To enable the IA to determine whether it is necessary to resort to the sampling technique, all foreign exporters/producers or the legal representatives acting on their behalf shall contact the IA and provide the following information related to the company/companies thereof within a thirty-day term from the date of publication of this notice in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*:

- Name, Address, E-mail, Phone number, Fax number and the contact person,
- Volume and value of sales of the product under review exported by the company to Egypt during the period from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023,
- Volume and value of sales of the product under review which were sold by the subject company in the domestic market of the aforementioned countries during the period from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023,
- Precise activities of the company with regard to the production and sale of the product under review,

- Names and activities of all the companies producing and/or selling the product under review in export and/or domestic market, and
- Any other relevant information that would assist the IA in the selection of the sample.

By submitting all the above-mentioned information, the company thereby approves the inclusion thereof in the sample. The selection of a company as a part of the sample implies the response to questionnaires and the approval of conducting an on-the-spot verification visit. Were the company to express unwillingness to be included in the sample, this would be deemed to be non-cooperation with the IA.

For the purpose of collecting the information deemed to be necessary for the selection of the sample for foreign producers/ exporters, the IA may contact any known associations of foreign producers/ exporters in the People's Republic of China and Thailand.

### **B) Sampling Technique for Importers**

For the purpose of enabling the IA to determine the necessity of applying the sampling technique, all importers or the legal representatives acting on their behalf shall contact the IA and provide the following information related to the company/companies thereof within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*:

- Name, Address, E-mail, Phone number, Fax number and the contact person,
- Volume and value of the product under review imported into the Egyptian domestic market during the period from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023,
- Activities of the company with regard to the product under review,
- Names and activities of all the related companies producing and/or selling the product under review, and
- Any other relevant information that would assist the IA in the process of selection of the sample.

By submitting all the above-mentioned information, the company thereby approves the inclusion thereof in the sample. The selection of a company as a part of the sample implies the response to the questionnaires and the approval of conducting an on-the-spot verification visit. Were the company to express unwillingness to be included in the sample, this would be deemed to be non-cooperation with the IA.

For the purpose of collecting the information deemed to be necessary for the selection of the sample of importers, the Investigating Authority may also contact any known associations of importers.

### **C) Final Selection of Samples**

All interested parties willing to submit any relevant information regarding the selection of the samples shall do so within the specified time limits.

The IA shall make the final selection of the samples after conducting consultations with the interested parties who have expressed willingness thereof to be included in the sample.

Companies included in the sample shall respond to the questionnaires within the time limits specified in this notice and shall cooperate with the IA.

## **10. Public Hearings**

Pursuant to Article (25) of the Regulation, hearings may be held at the premises of the Investigating Authority for all interested parties and parties concerned to present their views and arguments, provided that they submit a written request to the IA that includes specific reasons as to why they should be heard. Parties concerned and other interested parties must express their wish to hold a hearing within a 21-day period from the date of publication of this notice in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*.

## **11. On-the-Spot Verification Visits**

In accordance with the provisions of Article (26) of the Regulation, the IA may conduct on-the-spot verification visits at the premises of the interested parties in order to verify the accuracy of the provided information and to obtain any other additional information that may be required for the investigation.

## **12. Time Limits**

For the purpose of obtaining information on the time limit specified to submit the information to the IA, sampling technique and hearings, please refer to items (8, 9 and 10) of this notice.

### **13. Non-Cooperation**

In cases where any interested party declines to provide the necessary information within the specified time limits or impedes the course of the investigation, the IA may make ~~the preliminary~~ ~~and~~ final determinations on the basis of the best information available, in accordance with the provisions of Articles (27) and (35) of the Regulation.

### **14. Public File**

The IA shall, in the course of the review process, make available all the relevant non-confidential information submitted by the interested parties through the public file. This information shall be available for all interested parties and parties concerned at the premises of the IA in the New Administrative Capital pending the final determination.

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