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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON
SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION
AND THE REASONS FOR IT**

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Certain motor car pneumatic tyres

The following communication, dated and received on 14 May 2026, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Russian Federation.

1. Specify the date when the investigation was initiated

7 May 2026.

Public notice of the initiation of a safeguard investigation was published on 7 May 2026 on the official website of the Eurasian Economic Union (<https://docs.eaeunion.org/documents/166/10652/>).

ID number of investigation: SG-14.

2. Provide the precise description of the product involved

Motor car pneumatic tyres.

The product subject to the investigation is new pneumatic tyres with a rim diameter from 13 to 21 inches inclusive supplied separately or as a part of a wheel except for motor car tyres with a rim diameter from 17.5 to 21 inches inclusive having a load-capacity index exceeding 115 and bearing a speed category symbol of F, G, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, U, H in accordance with the Table 5.1 of Section 5 of Appendix No. 8 to the Technical Regulations of the Customs Union «On the Safety of Wheeled Vehicles» (TR CU 018/2011), adopted by the Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 877 of 9 December 2011 (hereinafter motor car tyres).

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3. Provide the reasons for the initiation of investigation, for example:

- (i) **Was the investigation initiated pursuant to a petition from the domestic industry?**
- (ii) **Evidence on the basis of which the investigation was initiated.**
- (iii) **Evidence, if any, of critical circumstances where delay would cause damage which it would be difficult to repair.**

The investigation was initiated on the basis of results of consideration of the application filed by the Eurasian Economic Union (hereinafter the Union) producers of motor car tyres.

The information in the application indicates that total imports of motor car tyres into the customs territory of the Union increased both in absolute and relative terms. Total imports in absolute terms increased by 64% in the period 2022–2024 and by 5% in the first 9 months of 2025 compared with the first 9 months of 2024. The volume of imports relative to the Union production increased by 57% in the period 2022–2024 and by 22% in the first 9 months of 2025 compared with the first 9 months of 2024.

The application also provides sufficient evidence demonstrating that increased imports of motor car tyres are threatening to cause serious injury to the Union industry. In particular, in the period 2022-2024 the Union consumption volume increased by 38%, whereas the Union industry's production and sales volumes increased only by 2% and 15%, respectively – and to a much lesser extent than the volume of imports (64%). As a result of the significant increase in imports, the Union industry's market share declined by 17% in the period 2022–2024. Financial indicators of the Union industry also worsened in the period 2022–2024: profit decreased by 6%, profitability of production and sales decreased by 33% and by 29%, respectively.

In the first 9 months of 2025 as compared with the first 9 months of 2024, given the reduction in the volume of the Union consumption by 9% and the continued increase in imports, the state of the Union industry deteriorated: the volume of production decreased by 15%, the volume of sales decreased by 23%, market share decreased by 16%. At the same time, the price of imports decreased by 4% and undercut the Union industry's price. The increased imports at prices lower than the Union industry's prices had a suppressing effect on the Union industry's prices. Consequently, in the first 9 months of 2025 the financial state of the Union industry deteriorated significantly: profit fell by 72%, profitability of production and sales decreased by 71% and by 67%, respectively.

The application indicates that the total production capacity of the key countries exporting motor car tyres to the Union significantly exceeds the volume of Union consumption. There are also plans to expand tyres production capacity in one of the main countries exporting motor car tyres to the Union. Given the above context and increasing number of trade defence measures taken by third countries on motor car tyres, ongoing anti-dumping and countervailing investigations in the European Union, and the recent measures under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 adopted by the United States of America, there is a high likelihood of a further increase in imports of motor car tyres to the Union, and, as a consequence, a further impairment of the industrial, commercial and financial position of the Union industry.

For more details on the reasons for the initiation of the investigation please refer to the Notice of Initiation.

4. Provide a point of contact for the investigation and identify the preferred means for corresponding. The point of contact would be available to respond to enquiries relating to the procedures applicable to the investigation.

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5. Provide the deadlines and procedures for importers, exporters and other interested parties to present evidence and their views, including:

- (i) deadlines and procedures for Members and exporters to identify themselves as interested parties, if so required, to participate in the investigation; and**
- (ii) the date of an intended public hearing as provided for in Article 3.1.**

Note: At the time of the initiation, if the authority has not decided whether or not to hold such a hearing, or if the date of the hearing is undetermined, Members should indicate under this item how such information would be publicized. Members are not obliged to submit another notification simply due to the fact that the proposed date has subsequently been changed.

In accordance with the Protocol on Application of Safeguard, Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Measures with respect to Third Countries (Annex No.8 to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014), interested parties may declare their intention to seek participant status not later than 25 days from the date of initiation of the investigation. Participants to the safeguard investigation have the right to request access to the non-confidential file and participate in public hearings.

The participants to the safeguard investigation may request public hearings within 45 days from the date of initiation of the investigation.

Interested parties should submit comments within 60 days from the date of the initiation of the investigation in writing in the Russian language to the following address (for more details visit the following website: <https://remedies.eaeunion.org/dimd/ru/security/investigations/card/SG-14>):

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