



## Transition Review No. TD0035

### **Anti-dumping duties on certain pneumatic tyres used for buses or lorries originating in the People's Republic of China**

#### **Note to public file – proposed appropriate representative third country.**

On 3 May 2023, the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) published a Notice of Initiation (NOI) to advise that they were investigating the alleged dumping of certain pneumatic tyres used for buses or lorries into the United Kingdom from the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The TRA has made an initial assessment that a Particular Market Situation (PMS) may exist in the bus and lorry tyre industry in the domestic market of the PRC.

The TRA has yet to make a determination in this review in relation to the initial assessment of the PMS detailed above.

However, if it is determined that a PMS exists and the effect of the PMS on the domestic sales price prevents a proper comparison between that and the export price, we would not consider the comparable price appropriate to use for the purpose of determining normal value.

In such circumstances, the TRA must determine the normal value by determining the costs of production plus a reasonable amount for administrative, selling, and general costs and for profits. Adjustments may then be made to these figures using data from an appropriate, representative third country. The TRA may also use data from the appropriate representative third country as part of their examination of whether a PMS exists in bus and lorry tyres in the PRC.

The TRA has provisionally chosen Brazil as the most appropriate representative third country in this review, should it be required.

To reach this decision the TRA considered a number of possible countries: Türkiye, Brazil, Thailand, India, the Republic of Korea, and the United States of America.



These countries were each compared to the PRC using a number of economic indicators, including GDP per capita, life expectancy, and the Human Development Index, in order to assess the economic similarity of each potential choice to the PRC.

Further consideration was given to the known availability and reliability of data from each of these countries, and whether any existing trade remedy measures are in place relating to the like goods.

The TRA is proposing to use Brazil as the representative third country in this review on the basis of the above factors. Brazil was found to be suitably comparable to the PRC on the basis of economic development, the TRA has confirmed access to the required data, and Brazil was deemed most suitable on the basis of lack of known market distortions relevant to bus and lorry tyres.

If you have any comments on the TRA's provisional choice of appropriate representative third country, please contact us via the Trade Remedies Service at [TD0035@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:TD0035@traderemedies.gov.uk) by **2 October 2023**. We may consider submissions made after this date, but we are not obliged to do so.

We will publish our final decision, the reasons for it and address any comments received in response to this notice in the Statement of Essential Facts (SEF). Where we reject information for any reason, we will publish our reasons for rejection in the Statement of Essential Facts (SEF).

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