
PRESS RELEASE

AIRP: a turning point for circular economy and sustainable mobility

Antidumping duties: EU retains fixed rates on Chinese BTR tires

The Italian Tyre Retreaders Association (AIRP) announces today's publication of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1579 of 18 October 2018 in the Official Journal of the European Union, which imposes fixed rate antidumping duties on BTR tires imported into the EU from the People's Republic of China. The rates originally proposed by the European Commission on 28 September and approved by the Antidumping Commission on 3 October, which range from a minimum amount of € 42.73 to a maximum amount of € 61.76 per tire, will come into force on 23 October.

Expressing satisfaction over this important turning point involving the entire European tire industry, the Italian Tyre Retreaders Association (AIRP) says: "New opportunities are finally opening up for the future of tire retreading. Retaining antidumping duties is a crucial decision to boost transition towards a circular economy, as well as towards more energy-efficient and sustainable transport solutions". These words were delivered by AIRP President Stefano Carloni. "It must be highlighted, as complex investigations conducted by the European Commission show, that the strong competitive pressure exerted by low-cost products in the past few years has damaged the whole tire network, triggering a domino effect that forced even premium manufacturers to reduce their investments. Future mobility, however, needs to be based on a different model: high-quality products are required, designed and manufactured to last as long as possible, and thus be retreaded and reused, reducing management costs and environmental risks", continues Carloni.

"Tire retreading has always been a perfect example of circular economy. Our sector will now have to make the most of this major opportunity to *throw away our throwaway culture* and outline a *new mobilities paradigm*", concludes AIRP President.

Upon disclosing this EU final provision, the AIRP association also wishes to sincerely thank the European Commission and the DG Trade for bringing forth this challenging project, BIPAVER (the European retread industry's association) for their continuous updates and support, and all AIRP member companies for their cooperation during the various stages of the investigation.

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1579 is available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018R1579>

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