

This document provides compliance guidance to producers regarding the definition of a tire and the requirement to report historical tire supply information under the Tires Regulation - O. Reg. 225/18.

The following definitions are relevant under the Tires Regulation:

- “tire” means a component that is designed to surround the rim of a vehicle’s wheel and has an actual weight of one kilogram or more;
- “vehicle” includes motor vehicles, muscular-powered equipment and trailers;
- “motor vehicle” includes an automobile, motorcycle, motor assisted bicycle, tractor, transport truck, aircraft and any other vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power, but does not include a power-assisted bicycle or personal mobility device;
- “muscular-powered equipment” means equipment, with tires, that is propelled or drawn by muscular power, but does not include equipment designed to transport a person;
- “personal mobility device” means a device, with tires, driven by muscular power or any other kind of power that is designed for a person whose mobility is limited by one or more conditions or physical impairments;
- “motor assisted bicycle” has the same meaning as in the Highway Traffic Act; and
- “power-assisted bicycle” has the same meaning as in the Highway Traffic Act.

These definitions act together to define what tires are required to be reported, collected and managed under the Tires Regulation.

A tire can be made from any material (e.g., rubber, polyurethane, plastic). A wheel made of one material with no separate rim and tire is not subject to the requirements of the Tires Regulation (i.e., if there is no component that is separate from the rim of the wheel there is no tire).

**Some of the common categories of tires that must be reported, provided they are 1 kg or more, are:**

- Automobile tires
- Motorcycle tires
- Motor assisted bicycle tires (e.g., mopeds, non-kick scooters)
- Tractor tires
- Tires on industrial and agricultural vehicles and equipment
- Transport truck tires
- Trailer tires (e.g., boat trailers, RVs)
- All Terrain Vehicle tires
- Riding lawn mower tires
- Aircraft tires if not supplied on aircraft
- Snow blower tires
- Wheelbarrow tires
- Hand truck tires
- Dolly tires
- Push lawn mower tires
- Segway tires
- Any other tire that weighs 1kg or more

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Please contact the Registry Support Team for further assistance regarding the requirement to report and manage tires.

**Some common categories of tires that are exempt include:**

- Muscle-powered vehicle tires used to transport a person (e.g. bicycles, strollers, kick scooters)
- Power-assisted bicycle, tires specifically bicycles with an electric motor
- Personal mobility device tires (e.g., wheelchairs)
- Any tire weighing less than 1kg

Under the above definitions, some categories of tires that were not previously reported to Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) must now be reported under the Tires Regulation. This means that some OTS stewards who are also producers under the Tires Regulation may be reporting supply data that they previously submitted to OTS and be required to report additional supply data for new categories of tires.

The Registrar will waive the s. 15(4) audit requirement for the 2018 supply data being reported for categories of tires that were not previously required to be reported to OTS but must now be reported under the Tires Regulation, provided that the producer contacts the Registry Support Team prior to reporting this data and confirms and agrees to all of the following:

- a) The producer is reporting a combination of OTS data and data relating to tire categories not previously reported to OTS;
- b) The producer will report the combined data as part of the annual reporting process; and
- c) The producer will provide the data relating to tire categories not previously reported to OTS in a spreadsheet template, provided by the Registry Support Team or available for download [here](#), in a separate email by October 31, 2020.

In the absence of taking these steps, the producer will be required to provide a s. 15(4) audit report for the data relating to tire categories not previously reported to OTS.

A producer who was never a steward in the OTS program and is reporting categories of tires that were exempt under the OTS program should contact the Registry Support team for assistance.

	Revisions	Next review
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