

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 “regulation”)

The following definitions are relevant under the regulation:

- “tire” means a component that is designed to surround the rim of a vehicle’s wheel and has an actual weight of one kg or more.
- “tire type” means
  - large tires (defined in RPRA’s [Weight Conversion Registry Procedure](#) as any off the road tire that weighs more than 700 kg); or tires other than large tires
- “small tire” means a tire that has an actual weight of one kg or more but less than five kg
  - Small tires supplied into Ontario in 2023 or later do not need to be reported, but will continue to be managed within tire collection systems
- “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.

The regulation requires producers to report to RPRA all new tires marketed to consumers in Ontario regardless of whether they were sold separately or on a new vehicle.

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 regulation (i.e., if there is no component that is separate from the rim of the wheel there is no tire).

Every year, producers report their tires supplied in Ontario for the calendar year two years prior. This data is used to calculate the producer’s minimum management requirement for the following year (in 2025 you are required to report 2023 supply data, which, along with your

previously reported supply for the years 2022 and 2021, will be used to calculate the producer's 2025 minimum management requirement).

These records are subject to verification. Please refer to the [Registry Procedure- Audit](#).

**Examples of tires that must be reported, provided they weigh five 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
- Any other tire that weighs five kg or more

**Examples 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 other tire weighing less than five kg

|                                    | Revisions   |
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| <b>Issued August 10, 2018</b>      | N/A   |
| <b>Reviewed March 25, 2019</b>     | Updated for 2019 annual reporting   |
| <b>Reviewed September 11, 2020</b> | Updated for 2020 annual reporting - Audit requirement waived for 2018 supply data for categories not previously reported to OTS |
| <b>Reviewed May 27, 2021</b>       | Removed section related to data previously reported to OTS as it's no longer applicable   |
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