

### **China natural rubber external dependence increased year by year**

According to customs statistics, in the first half of this year, China imported 986,000 tons of natural rubber, an increase of 12.8% from the same period last year (the same below); valued at \$ 3.42 billion, down 17.6%; imports an average price of \$ 3,465 per ton, down 27%. China is the world's largest consumer of natural rubber importer, accounting for more than one-third of the global natural rubber consumption, but constrained by the geographical conditions affect the self-sufficiency rate of China's natural rubber presents trend down year by year, in 2005 for the first time fell below 30% of the internationally recognized security line, and further reduced to 18% in 2010. Natural rubber over-reliance on the negative impact caused by the imports can not be ignored. But as the global economy continues to develop, the demand for natural rubber continues to increase, the amount of resources available for export trade is declining, plus some of the exporting countries intend to manipulate, to restrict the export of China's natural rubber of tires, auto parts , engineering machinery accessories, footwear industry is not only facing the risk of uncontrollable costs, even in the presence of the security risks of raw material supply. For example, in Vietnam since December 8, 2011, respectively levied on natural rubber and synthetic rubber export tax of 3% and 5%. Rising raw material prices due to the cost of natural rubber, accounting for more than 40% of the production costs of the tire, a substantial increase in the production cost of the tire companies in China. 2011 45 tire companies, according to the China Rubber Industry Association statistics show a substantial increase in sales at the same time, benefits are down industry profits than in 2010, a decrease of 16.2%.