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"New tariffs placed by the U.S. Department of Commerce on tires manufactured in China – including those made by Giti Tire – have raised concerns in South Carolina.

"Gov. Nikki Haley wants commerce department officials to reconsider the 17.69 percent tariff targeted for Giti, which plans to build a plant in Chester County. Haley, in a Tuesday letter, said the tariff 'inequitably affects Giti's business.' ...

"In her Tuesday letter, Haley asked the commerce department to revise Giti's rate quickly. The letter doesn't specify what the rate should be.

"I urge Commerce to quickly resolve this issue before it inequitably affects Giti's business as they build their new facility in our state.'

"A final tariff decision is scheduled to be made by April 16.

"Chaney Adams, Haley's press secretary, said Thursday, 'Governor Haley has always said we have to take care of our businesses and workers, Giti is a company that will take care of a lot of our families, and so when she became aware of the tariff situation, it was important to her to contact the Obama administration directly.' ...

"Giti officials said plans to build the Chester County plant show their commitment to manufacturing and

distributing American-made tires.' ...

"Giti recently purchased an 1,100-acre site between between S.C. 9 and the Old Richburg Highway near I-77 for its Chester plant. The sales price was not disclosed. The company anticipates holding a groundbreaking ceremony in January with the plant tentatively scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2016.

"Giti expects to eventually make about 30,000 passenger and light-truck tires daily."

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