

Absence of Interpreter Stalls Trial of Chinese Importers of Fake Tyres

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The trial of two Chinese importers accused of importing sub-standard tyres into Nigeria which was [originally scheduled for March 8](#), has once again been stalled, Monday, at the Lagos Division of the Federal High Court due to the absence of an interpreter.

Taolung Shem, 36, Xu Jiming Yao, 22, and Chinedu Madubuike, were arrested in Lagos in February and charged in a four-count charge for allegedly conspiring among themselves and imported tyres below Nigeria's industrial standards through means of stuffing various sizes of tyres into one, knowing same to be in dangerous state or injurious to life of human beings.

The defendants were arrested following an investigation and raid by the Standard Organization of Nigeria in Lagos. During the raid, 60 containers of tyres worth an estimated N5 billion were seized.

The suspects have since pleaded not guilty to each of the counts, and were granted bail in the sum of N10 million each with two sureties each in like sum. The court also ordered the two companies charged to submit a bond in the sum of N10 million.

Following the unavailability of an interpreter for the accused persons, Justice Mojisola Olatoregun once again adjourned the case to July 5 for continuation of trial.

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