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Slovakia Rubber Raw Materials Overseas Market Analysis Report

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Slovakia Rubber Raw Materials Key Takeaways

Slovakia's rubber raw materials market is highly import-dependent, with import reliance remaining above 93% in H1 2026. Natural rubber CIF prices remain elevated due to production cuts in Southeast Asian producing regions and EUR exchange rate fluctuations, while synthetic rubber costs are pushed up by the EU CBAM Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. ⚠ Cost Uptrend The automotive tire industry consumes approximately 62% of rubber raw materials, with resilient demand but narrowing profit margins.

Import Reliance: **93.5%** (Q1 2026)

Natural Rubber CIF Avg. Price: EUR 1,960/tonne (June 2026)

Synthetic Rubber CIF Avg. Price: EUR 1,780/tonne (June 2026)

Automotive Tire Consumption Share: 62%

Source: Eurostat, June 2026; Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, Q1 2026 Report

Supply and Demand Fundamentals

Slovakia has no domestic natural rubber cultivation and limited synthetic rubber production capacity (approx. 28,000 tonnes/year), far from meeting domestic consumption needs. Total rubber raw material consumption in 2025 was approximately 142,000 tonnes, projected to grow by 3.2% to 146,500 tonnes in 2026, with the entire supply-demand gap filled by imports.

Indicator	2024	2025	2026E
Domestic Output ('000 tonnes)	26	27	28
Import Volume ('000 tonnes)	113	115	118.5
Consumption ('000 tonnes)	139	142	146.5
Supply-Demand Gap ('000 tonnes)	-113	-115	-118.5

Source: Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, April 2026; European Rubber Industry Association (ERIA), Q2 2026 Forecast

China Market Status

In June 2026, China's natural rubber (SCRWF) spot price was approximately RMB 12,650/tonne, down 0.8% month-on-month; synthetic rubber (SBR1502) was approximately RMB 11,950/tonne. Overall tire enterprise operating rate was approximately 69.5%, with semi-steel tire rates outperforming all-steel tire rates. Exports of rubber products to the EU face rising CBAM compliance cost pressure.

SCRWF Natural Rubber: RMB 12,650/tonne (June 2026)

SBR1502 Synthetic Rubber: RMB 11,950/tonne (June 2026)

Tire Enterprise Operating Rate: 69.5% (Semi-steel 72.3%, All-steel 64.8%)

Source: 100ppi.com, June 28, 2026; Longzhong Information, Weekly Report June 27, 2026

Slovakia Market Status

Slovakia's rubber raw materials market is import-driven, with Q1 2026 imports reaching EUR 218 million. Main source countries are Germany (34%), Poland (21%), and Czech Republic (16%). The consumption structure is centered on automotive tire manufacturing, driven by demand from the local plants of Volkswagen, Kia, Stellantis, and other carmakers.

Q1 Total Imports: EUR 218 million

Top 3 Source Countries: Germany 34% / Poland 21% / Czech Republic 16%

Automotive Tire Consumption Share: 62% (Industrial Products 23%, Others 15%)

Market Characteristics: Highly dependent on intra-EU supply chains

Source: Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, May 2026 Trade Data; Eurostat, June 2026

Product Segmentation Structure

Slovakia's imported rubber raw materials mainly include natural rubber (primarily TSR20 standard rubber), synthetic rubber (SBR, BR), and reclaimed rubber. Natural rubber accounts for approximately 48% of total imports, synthetic rubber 44%, and reclaimed rubber and others 8%. ⚠ CBAM Impact Import costs for synthetic rubber have increased by 3%-5% due to carbon tariffs.

Product Category	Import Share	June 2026 CIF Avg. Price	Demand Trend
Natural Rubber TSR20	~38%	EUR 1,880/tonne	↑ Robust
Synthetic Rubber SBR	~26%	EUR 1,720/tonne	↑ Growing
Synthetic Rubber BR	~18%	EUR 1,850/tonne	↑ Stable
Reclaimed Rubber	~8%	EUR 980/tonne	↑ Growing

Source: European Rubber Industry Association (ERIA), June 2026; Slovak Customs Data, Q1 2026

Core Finished Product Supply and Demand

Tires are the core finished product of Slovakia's rubber raw materials. Q1 2026 tire production was approximately 18.5 million units, up 4.2% year-on-year. Local tire demand is strong, but high-end high-performance tires still rely on imports from Germany and France. Inventory levels are moderate, at approximately 38 days of turnover.

Q1 Tire Production: 18.5 million units (YoY +4.2%)

Passenger Car Tire Avg. Price: EUR 68/unit (Dealer Wholesale Price)

Tire Import Volume: ~4.2 million units/quarter (Primarily high-end tires)

Inventory Turnover Days: 38 days

Source: Slovak Automotive Industry Association, May 2026; European Tyre and Rubber Manufacturers' Association (ETRMA), Q2 2026

Intermediate Goods and Raw Material Values

There is a significant price gap between natural rubber raw materials (China producing regions) and Slovakia's import CIF prices, mainly influenced by freight, insurance, and EU tariffs. Carbon black, as a key auxiliary material, had a China producing region price of approximately RMB 8,200/tonne in June 2026, while Slovakia's import CIF was approximately EUR 1,050/tonne.

Product Name	China Producing Region Price	Slovakia Indicative CIF	Price Gap Factors
Natural Rubber SCRWF	RMB 12,650/tonne	EUR 1,960/tonne	Freight + Tariff + Insurance
Synthetic Rubber SBR	RMB 11,950/tonne	EUR 1,720/tonne	CBAM Additional Cost
Carbon Black N330	RMB 8,200/tonne	EUR 1,050/tonne	Energy Cost Differential

Source: 100ppi.com, June 2026; Argus Media, European Rubber Raw Materials Weekly Report, June 2026

Trade and Macro Indicators

Slovakia's 2026 GDP growth is forecast at 2.7%, with manufacturing contributing approximately 24.3% of GDP and the automotive industry contributing approximately 13%. The EUR/CNY exchange rate is approximately 7.82, relatively stable. EU import tariffs on rubber products range from 0% to 3%, but the CBAM Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism adds compliance costs.

2026 GDP Growth: 2.7% (World Bank Forecast)

Manufacturing GDP Share: 24.3%

EUR/CNY Exchange Rate: 7.82 (June 2026)

Rubber Product Import Tariffs: 0%-3% (MFN Rate)

CBAM Coverage: Extended to synthetic rubber ⚠ New in 2026

Source: World Bank, June 2026; Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic, Q2 2026; European Commission CBAM Update Announcement, January 2026

Risks and Opportunity Windows

Key risks include: EU CBAM pushing up synthetic rubber import costs, EUR/CNY exchange rate volatility, and climate anomalies in Southeast Asian natural rubber producing regions leading to supply tightening. Opportunity windows: improved logistics efficiency of the China-Europe Railway Express Slovakia route (Bratislava node), ongoing negotiations to upgrade bilateral trade agreements, and growing demand for reclaimed rubber and circular materials.

⚠ Risk: **CBAM carbon tariff adds 3%-5% cost**

⚠ Risk: **Southeast Asian production cut expectations (El Niño aftermath)**

□ Opportunity: China-Europe Railway Express Slovakia node logistics lead time optimized to 14 days

□ Opportunity: EU reclaimed rubber demand growing 12% annually, circular economy policy tailwinds

Source: European Commission, 2026 CBAM Implementation Report; China State Railway Group, May 2026 China-Europe Railway Express Data; ERIA, June 2026

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