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## **Yokohama Rubber Eliminates Counterfeit Aluminum Wheels in China**

Tokyo – The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd., today announced the successful completion of its efforts to eliminate counterfeit versions of the Company's aluminum wheels in China.

Yokohama Rubber filed a complaint and submitted information to the Administration for Market Regulation in Foshan, Guangdong Province, regarding four companies engaged in the distribution of counterfeit sports car aluminum wheels imitating YOKOHAMA's "ADVAN Racing" wheels. The distributors were selling the counterfeit wheels via internet shopping sites and retail shops outside of the Company's official distribution channels. Acting on the complaint and information provided by the Company, the Foshan authorities simultaneously raided the four companies and seized the counterfeit aluminum wheels on September 3, 2021. Yokohama Rubber has confirmed that all four distributors have been fined and the counterfeit aluminum wheels have been destroyed.

In 2017, Yokohama Rubber filed a petition for the criminal prosecution of a distributor of counterfeit versions of the Company's aluminum wheels in China and succeeded in eliminating the counterfeit products. Yokohama Rubber remains resolute in its stance against the infringement of intellectual property rights, including the sale of counterfeit goods, and will strengthen its efforts against such illegal activities in Japan and overseas to ensure that its customers around the world are confident and secure in the knowledge that they are using genuine YOKOHAMA products.



A counterfeit aluminum wheel sold in China by distributors who have been fined by the authorities