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Subject ; Investigation Request from NHTSA regarding ES3350

We appreciate your continuous activities to improve the quality of C&A accessories.

I believe you are aware the fact that we have received inquiry letter from NHTSA. The captioned matter has been upgraded from PE to EA (Engineering Analysis). The main issue they have is "The floor mats for ES350 can still be unsecured if the customers fail to install the clips".

Below are our view and the plan,

- (1) Our original position based on premise that using clip is necessary is unchanged.
- (2) We have gathered from NHTSA's inquiries and agreed with JCQE that we are in need of risk factor investigation without the clips.
- (3) For above reason, we would like to request TMS to provide us with rubber mats and textile mats' drawings of all vehicles types that are sold in North America. Due date: 7th of September.
- (4) The *necessary investigations and actions hereafter will be notified.
*We are due to hold a meeting with Mr. Santucci of TMA and JCQE on 5th of September to discuss necessity of rubber mats' technical specification research of other automobile companies and the subjected vehicles, besides above mentioned issues.

We will be requesting TMS CAD for investigation of competitors' vehicles and mats.

Thank you for your corporation in advance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. F. Ito at any time.


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