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NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
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Re: Foreign Recall Notice

Dear Ms. Timian,

On March 28, 2016 Honda Motor Co., Ltd. decided to conduct a foreign safety recall of certain vehicles in Japan. Although American Honda Motor Co., Inc. has no identical or similar vehicle and no identical or similar item of motor vehicle equipment covered by this foreign recall in the U.S., in consideration of recent safety recalls affecting airbag inflators, this notification is being submitted in a format consistent with the requirements of 49 CFR 579.12 to inform NHTSA of this foreign market action.

Name of Manufacturer: Honda Motor Co., Ltd.

Manufacturer's Agent: John Turley
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
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Identification of Potentially Affected Vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>
Honda Life	Certain 2009 model year vehicles Certain 2010 model year vehicles Certain 2011 model year vehicles Certain 2013 model year vehicles
Honda Acty	Certain 2010 model year vehicles Certain 2011 model year vehicles Certain 2013 model year vehicles

Description of the Basis for the Determination of the Recall Population:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records.

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected: 143,137

Defect Description:

The enhancer cup inside the driver's frontal airbag inflator (Daicel) installed in affected vehicles could be improperly manufactured. Specifically, the chemical agent in the enhancer cup that enables propellant ignition may not be sufficiently granulated. During a crash necessitating airbag deployment, the larger sized chemical agent particles could combust slower than designed, and the unburnt chemical agent could impede the igniter's passageways to the propellant. Subsequently, insufficiently ignited propellant could fail to properly inflate the airbag cushion, increasing the risk of injury to vehicle occupants.

Campaign Being Conducted in: Japan
Safety Recall or Other Safety Campaign: Safety Recall
Determination Made by: Honda Motor Co., Ltd.
Date of Determination: March 31, 2016
Date Recall will commence: April 8, 2016

Manufacturer's Program for Remediating the Defect:

Dealers will replace the driver's frontal airbag inflator with a properly manufactured inflator.

U.S. Motor Vehicles Identical or Similar to Vehicles Covered by this Foreign Recall:

Foreign Recalled Vehicle	Identical or Similar U.S. Vehicle
2009-13 Honda Life	No identical or similar U.S. vehicle
2010-13 Honda Acty	No identical or similar U.S. vehicle

Reason U.S. Vehicles Not Affected

There is no identical or similar U.S. vehicle and no identical or similar item of motor vehicle equipment covered by this foreign recall.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



John Turley
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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