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Mr. Jeffrey Giuseppe  
Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attn: Recall Management Division (NEF-100)  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report  
Certain Toyota Vehicles

Dear Mr. Giuseppe:

In accordance with 49 CFR 579.12, attached is a copy of our Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report for the subject vehicles.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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Vice President  
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Enclosures  
Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report

**Foreign Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign Report**

Subject: Propeller Shaft issue on certain Toyota vehicles

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Texas, Inc. ["TMMTX"]  
Toyota Motor Manufacturing de Baja California S. de R. L de C. V. ["TMMBC"]  
New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc. ["NUMMI"]

2. Involved Vehicles:

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Country/Region	Action	Production Period	Number of Vehicles
Toyota / Tacoma	Canada and Mexico 2005 – 2011 MY *1	North and Central America	Other Safety Campaign	September 2004 through August 2010	Approx. 75,000

\*1: Other countries/regions do not use a model year designation.

3. Substantially Similar Vehicles sold in the U.S.:

Model Year/ Make/ Car Line: 2005 – 2011 MY Toyota Tacoma, 4Runner and Lexus GX  
2007 – 2011 MY Toyota FJ Cruiser

4. Description of Problem:

In the propeller shaft of the subject vehicles, due to insufficient strength of the dust seal installed on the component (spider) of the universal joint, there is a possibility that the dust seal could become damaged over time and dust could enter the joint. If this occurs, the oil seal on the spider could be damaged and the grease in the spider may leak, causing excessive wear at the joint portion. In this condition, a customer can notice abnormal noise and vibration during driving. If the vehicle is continuously operated in this condition, the propeller shaft may separate at the joint portion, resulting in a loss of vehicle propulsion. Because abnormal noise and vibration exist during driving, an unreasonable safety risk is not presented.

5. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

Owners will be notified that Toyota is extending the warranty on the propeller shaft in the subject vehicles from 3 years or 5 years / 100,000 km to 12 years / unlimited mileage or one year after owner notification if the vehicle is beyond 12 years in service. If a customer presents the vehicle to a dealer for repair within the extended warranty period, the dealer will inspect the joint and replace it with improved one.

6. Determination to Conduct Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign:

- The determination was made by Toyota Motor Corporation;
- Date of determination : December 9, 2016
- Date campaign will commence : As soon as remedy is available

7. Reason the similar vehicles sold in the U.S. are not involved in this safety recall / other safety campaign:

Toyota will conduct the same action (Warranty Extension) for 2005-2011MY Toyota Tacoma vehicles sold in the U.S. as in Canada and the other countries for certain 2005-2011 Toyota Tacoma vehicles to alleviate potential customer inconvenience posed by this issue. This condition does not present an unreasonable risk to safety, because the abnormal noise and vibration while driving indicates to the driver that the propeller shaft is damaged. Toyota 4Runner, FJ Cruiser and Lexus GX vehicles sold in the U.S. are not involved, because they are equipped with the differently designed propeller shaft and dust seal.