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Mr. Christopher Tinto
Director of Technical and Regulatory Affairs
Toyota Motor North America, Inc.
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Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: DP05-002 IR response extension request

Dear Mr. Tinto:

This letter is in response to Toyota's October 25th, 2005 email, a copy of which is attached. Toyota has requested an extension in the submission date for it's response in connection with DP05-002. Based on the information provided, the due date for the response has been extended to November 15th, 2005. The VIN information Toyota requested was provided by email on October 31, 2005 and is also contained in the attached copy.

Sincerely,

Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects Investigation
Vehicle Safety

cc:

Steve Chan
Jeff Quandt

Attachments



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Yon, Scott

From: Yon, Scott
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2005 9:02 AM
To: 'CSantucci@tma.toyota.com'
Subject: RE: IR Letter
Categories: DP05002-ToyotaTC

My apologies Chris, ODI will grant Toyota the extension requested, per our discussion. I will send a letter to that effect ASAP.

Regarding the VINs below:

For 4T1BE30K820 [REDACTED] please try 4T1BE30K82U [REDACTED]
For 4T1BE32K44V [REDACTED] please try 4T1BE32K44U [REDACTED]
For 4T1BF30K034 [REDACTED] please try 4T1BF30K03U [REDACTED]
For 4T1DE30K55U [REDACTED] please try 4T1BE30K55U [REDACTED]
For JTHBN30F130 [REDACTED] this is the VIN in ODI's database – please try to locate the correct VIN via owner details (name and address) as noted in the database ODI sent 10/17/2005. The vehicle is a 2002 ES300; the consumer states that they contacted Toyota regarding an April 2004 crash incident so it should be in Toyota's records.

Regards,
Scott

From: CSantucci@tma.toyota.com [mailto:CSantucci@tma.toyota.com]
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2005 3:26 PM
To: Yon, Scott
Subject: Fw: IR Letter

Hi Scott,

The extension is ok with you, right? Can you send a reply stating so?

Thanks,

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— Forwarded by Chris Santucci/WDC/Toyota_NY on 10/28/2005 03:24 PM —

Chris Santucci/WDC/Toyota_NY

To "Yon, Scott" <Scott.Yon@nhtsa.dot.gov>

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10/25/2005 02:16 PM

cc: jquandt@nhtsa.dot.gov, Christopher Tinto/WDC/Toyota_NY@Toyota_NY
Subject: Re: IR Letter [Link](#)

Scott,

Per our discussion today, Toyota would like an extension of the due date for questions 6, 7, 8, and 10 for 2 weeks. Therefore, we would like to submit a partial response on 11/1, and the final response on 11/15.

There is a lot of detailed information requested in questions 6-8, much of it in the native language. As such, we need an additional two weeks for those questions. Q10 is our assessment, and will draw from the responses to 6-8, so it will also need the two weeks.

In addition, of the 100 VIN's supplied with the IR, 6 of them are invalid. Please review these 5 VIN's, and if you have corrections, please let me know and we will try to get them into the response. If not, we will disregard them.

Thanks,

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JTHBN30F130 [REDACTED] (Actually for an LS)

11/2/2005