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MISSING QUARTERLY REPORT NOTICE

MANUFACTURER: Mitsubishi Motor Sales of Caribbean, Inc. **QRT00-039**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Rafael Arzuaga

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Dear Mr. Arzuaga:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has completed entering the data for the second quarter of 2000, April 1 through June 30, 2000. According to our records, Mitsubishi Motor Sales of Caribbean (MMSC) has not filed its sixth quarterly status report for safety recall 98V-311 which was due on or before July 30, 2000.

98V-311: This recall involves 53,162 Mitsubishi 1990-1991 Eclipse, 1991 3000GT, 1986-1991 Trucks, 1986-1991 Montero, 1986 Starion, 1986-1988 Cordia, 1986-1987 Galant, 1989-1991 Galant, 1988 and 1990 Sigma, 1987-1990 Van/Wagon, 1986-1991 Mirage, and 1988- 1990 Mirage Van model vehicles equipped with Takata front seat belt buckles containing release buttons made of ABS plastic.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

- ▶ For safety recall 99V-305.002, owner notification was reported to begin on December 13, 1999. If MMSC did indeed begin notification on that date, MMSC should have submitted quarterly status reports for the first and second quarter of 2000. If notification has not begun, please explain the delay and provide the agency with a date that notification will in fact begin.
- ▶ According to our records, we have not yet received draft owner notification letters for safety recalls 99V-333.002 and 00V-123.001. If a manufacturer subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion date of notification reported to the agency will be delayed more than two weeks, it shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefore, and furnish a revised notification date.

Your response to the additional information required on this fax is due in this office no later than **September 8, 2000**. Failure to submit this information on time could result in civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165, or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30163.

You may fax your response and reports to my attention at (202) 366-7882. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (202) 366-5227.

Sincerely,

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