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RE: 2003 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution Certification Label Non-Compliance Recall

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Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Mitsubishi Motors of North America, Inc. (MMNA) submits this letter pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573.5- Defect and Noncompliance Information Report for certain 2003 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution vehicles imported and distributed in the United States by MMNA and in Puerto Rico by Mitsubishi Motor Sales of Caribbean (MMSC). The vehicle manufacturer, Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) furnished some of the information provided below. The production of such information should not be construed as an admission that NHTSA, or any other governmental agency, or court, has any jurisdiction over MMC or that MMNA in any way controls or has the ability to control MMC or its documents. Any jurisdictional or related objections in any future proceeding, investigation information or court action are hereby reserved. Accordingly, the following is the information required by 49 C.F.R. Part 573.5.

1. **Manufacturer's Name**
Mitsubishi Motors Corporation

2. **Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**

Make	Line	Model Year(s)	Manufacturing Period
Mitsubishi	Lancer Evolution	2003	January 27, 2003 through January 7, 2004

3. **Total Number of Vehicles**

Vehicle Line	Number of Vehicles	
	United States	Puerto Rico
Lancer Evolution	7,178	100

4. **Approximate Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing the Noncompliance**
100%

5. **Defect Description**

The vehicle Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) and Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) as stated on the certification label of the effected vehicle model are in error. The GVWR was incorrectly stated as 4422LB. rather than the correct 4222LB. thus overstating the GVWR by 200 pounds. The front GAWR was incorrectly stated as 2249 LB. rather than the correct 2270LB. while the rear GAWR was incorrectly stated as 1973LB. rather than the correct 1995LB. Accordingly, the certification label does not satisfy the information requirements described in the standards of 49 CFR Part 567.

6. **Chronological Summary of Events Leading to Determination**

MMC discovered that the GVWR and GAWR for the 2003 Lancer Evolution had been erroneously described on the certification label through an internal investigation. Subsequently, a decision was made to conduct a recall campaign to replace the incorrect certification labels.

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7. **Test Results or Data Used to Determine Non-compliance**
N/A

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8. **Proposed Remedy Description**

MMNA and MMSC will conduct a recall campaign to correct erroneous certification labels. A letter outlining the problem will be sent to owners instructing them to first contact their local Mitsubishi dealer to place an order for a corrected label. Once the label has arrived at the dealership, the owner will be contacted to arrange for label replacement. Owner notification is scheduled to occur sometime around the middle April 2004.

9. **Notice(s) and Bulletin(s)**

The owner notification and technical bulletin drafts will be provided as soon as they are available.

10. **Reimbursements**

Owners seeking reimbursement for any expenses relating to this recall will be directed in the notification letter to contact Mitsubishi Customer Connections for instructions on how to apply for a refund.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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