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Re: Defect Information Report FL-437

Mr. Weinstein:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 250 Freightliner FLD trucks and truck-tractors manufactured September 27, 2004 to October 12, 2004 in Santiago, Mexico with a defect in the brake pedal pushrod adjustment.

Attached is Freightliner's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy Blubaugh

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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

December 3, 2004

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Freightliner LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Freightliner

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: FLD

Manufacture Dates: September 27, 2004 to October 12, 2004

Basis for determining population: FLD trucks and truck-tractors manufactured in Santiago during a period after a change in the assembly process of the brake pedal pushrod adjustment and until the situation was discovered.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: not applicable

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: approximately 250

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: unknown

(c)(5) Description of the defect: The jam nuts on the brake pushrod between the pedal and the brake valve may not have been tightened. These nuts secure the adjustment of the brake pedal pushrod.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: The brake pedal pushrod adjustment process was moved to a new location in the plant so the nuts could be tightened after the brake system was aired up. An assembler did not completely understand the new procedure. Loose brake pedal pushrod jam nuts were reported on delivered trucks. Trucks in the plant were corrected and measures have been implemented to ensure reoccurrences do not happen.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: not applicable

(c)(8) Remedial program: Repairs will be performed by Freightliner dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Freightliner to do their own warranty repairs.

Estimated Owner Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Freightliner records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately January 21, 2005

Reimbursement Plan: All prior repairs have been completed under warranty.

(c)(9) Communications sent to dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(10) Copy of proposed owner notification letter: A draft will be sent for ODI review when available.

(c)(11) Manufacturer's campaign number: FL-437