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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Mr. Wilfred Greens
Compliance and Regulations
Van Hool N.V.
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Dear Mr. Greens:

Van Hool N.V. (Van Hool) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 04V-424 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 137 MY 2004 transit buses. The hose fittings of the power steering pressure feed lines may have been improperly crimped. The remedy for this recall campaign is to inspect and replace the crimpes if necessary. Through the second quarter of 2006, Van Hool's sixth reporting quarter, Van Hool reports that of the 137 buses involved, 53 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 39 percent.

Van Hool should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

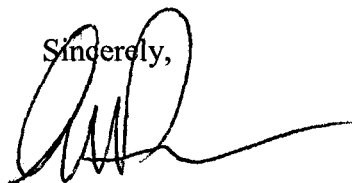
- Before conducting the owner renotification, Van Hool should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Van Hool's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a ". . . follow-up to an earlier communication."
- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Van Hool is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.

- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
 - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
 - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
 - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
 - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Van Hool's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by January 17, 2007.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly Schuler of my staff at (202) 366-5227, by fax at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George Person, Chief
Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement