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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Chris Tinto, Director
Technical and Regulatory Affairs
Toyota Motor North America, Inc.
1850 M Street NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Tinto:

This is to notify you that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has made a determination to deny the October 22, 2004 petition submitted on behalf of Toyota Motor North America, Inc. and Toyota Motor Corporation for an exemption from the recall requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108 is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Since this petition has been denied, pursuant to 49 CFR 573.5(c)(8)(iii), you must submit an amended Noncompliance Information Report no later than five (5) working days from your receipt of this letter. That report shall include the following information: recall population, problem description, remedy, and recall schedule. If a portion of the information which is required to fully describe the recall is unknown, the report must still be submitted on time. The remaining information is to be provided as it becomes available. Please submit the information to:

Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter
Director, Office of Vehicle Defect Investigations
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
NVS-210
Washington, DC 20590

If you have any questions regarding your recall obligations, you may call George Person at 202-366-5210.

Sincerely,

/s/

~~Claude H. Harris~~ *Russell L. McFarland*
~~Director, Office of Vehicle~~ *AA for Enforcement*
~~Safety Compliance~~

Enclosure

