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Mr. William P. Mohr
Director, Service Operations
Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc.
2015 Center Square Road
Logan Township, NJ 08085

NVS-215kjs

Dear Mr. Mohr:

Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc. (Mitsubishi Fuso) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 04V-437 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 15,982 MY 1986 through 2004 Mitsubishi Fuso trucks manufactured from December 19, 1985 through January 12, 2004. The rebound cushion may stick to the hook hinge bracket, due to improper rubber composition of the cushion. This condition could result in the hook pin bracket remaining in the up (cab closed) position when the cab latch is unlocked. With the hook pin bracket in the up position, the cab tilt lock switch remains closed, improperly indicating that the cab latch is locked. If the cab latch is unlocked for any reason, the instrument panel cab lock indicator will not notify the driver that the cab tilt lock mechanism is in the unlocked position. A crash could occur without prior warning.

The remedy for this recall is to replace the rebound cushion with a modified component and adjust the cable tilt lock switch and bottom bracket at the rear cab mount. Owner notification began on October 28, 2004. Through the third quarter of 2005, Mitsubishi Fuso's fourth reporting quarter, Mitsubishi Fuso reports that of the 15,982 vehicles involved, 3,518 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 22 percent.

Mitsubishi Fuso should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

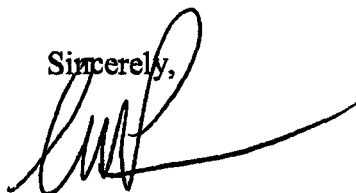
- Before conducting the owner renotification, Mitsubishi Fuso should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.

- Mitsubishi Fuso' 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," Mitsubishi Fuso 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).

Mitsubishi Fuso's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by December 7, 2005.

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,



George Person, Chief
Recall Management Division
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