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04T-023

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1/12/2005

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Recall Management Division
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Office of Defects Investigation
400 7th Street, SW NSA-11
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George,

Regarding **Safety Recall 04T-023** dated 12/17/2004 please find attached our Initial Information Report (pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.6).

International believes this tire recall will be better administered through Michelin's tire retail stores. It is our intent to allow Michelin North America, Inc. to administer this recall as indicated in its 573.6 report (submitted to NHTSA on 12/17/2004). There will be no additional dealer or owner notification from International Truck and Engine Corporation regarding this equipment recall.

Please see the attached Initial Information Report for more information. If you have any further questions, please contact the undersigned at (260) 461-1890.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. L. VanLaar".

R. L. VanLaar
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January 12, 2005

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20590

Subject: Vehicle Safety Defect Initial Information Report (Ref. NHTSA 04T-023)

Pursuant to Part 573.6 (c) (1), this Vehicle Safety Defect Initial Information Report is submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by **International Truck and Engine Corporation**.

(1) IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES [Part 573.6 (c)(2)]

- Vehicle Models Involved:
 - Truck: 1652,3300,4200,4300
 - School Bus: CE School Bus
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 5/3/2004 thru 12/24/2004
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Vehicles with Michelin XDE tires, size 10R22.5 LRG and LRF that were manufactured at Michelin's Ballymena, Northern Ireland plant 5/23/2004 thru 10/24/2004.

(2) COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [Part 573.6 (c)(2)(iv)]

- This report relates to a component supplied by a manufacturer other than International Truck and Engine Corporation (Ref. NHTSA 04T-023).
- Supplier Contact information:
 - Michael Wischhusen
 - Director, Industry Standards & Government Regulations
 - Michelin North America, Inc.
 - 515 Michelin Road
 - P.O. Box 1987
 - Greenville, SC 29602-1987
 - (864) 422-4220

(3) *VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6 (c)(3)]*

<i>Model</i>	<i>U.S. Quantity</i>	<i>Canadian Quantity</i>
1652 SC	3	0
3300	17	66
4200 4X2	44	3
4300 4X2	106	3
CE School Bus	298	2
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>468</i>	<i>74</i>

(4) *PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(4)]*

- All vehicles in the suspect population may contain the defect.

(5) *DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]*

- A localized variance in the gauge of the inner liner exists, which could potentially result in a rapid loss of air pressure.
- A rapid loss of air pressure without warning may cause a vehicle crash without warning, possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury or death.

(6) *CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF A SAFETY DEFECT or TEST RESULTS THAT LED TO DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE [Part 573.6 (c)(6)/(7)]*

- 12/20/2004 Notice from Michelin North America, Inc, that they had initiated a voluntary recall for this issue and requested customer information so they could administer recall themselves.
- 1/4/2005 Search conducted to determine population of vehicles that contain the suspect tires.
- 1/5/2005 Sent Michelin North America, Inc. customer information as requested.

(7) *PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]*

- Michelin North America, Inc. will administer campaign, notify customers and supply remedy as outlined in their Defect and Noncompliance Report submitted to the NHTSA on 12/17/2004 (Ref NHTSA 04T-023).

(8) *PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*

- Because Michelin North America, Inc. is administering the campaign, any plan for pre-remedy reimbursements will be handled by Michelin.

(9) *SCHEDULE FOR RECALL NOTIFICATION [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*

- International Truck and Engine Corporation will not be notifying owners or dealers.
- Customer name and address information was provided to Michelin on 1/5/2005. Michelin North America, Inc. will be contacting owners directly.

(10) *INTERNATIONAL RECALL NUMBER [Part 573.6 (c)(11)]*

- There will be no International recall number assigned to this issue.

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall on (260) 461-1890.

Very truly yours,



R. L. Van Laar
Compliance Manager
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ATTACHMENTS:

Michelin North America, Inc. Defect Report, Dated 12/17/2004