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**Subject: Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus Corporation Foreign Recall Advanced Information
(Substantially Similar Vehicle)**

Dear Mr. White:

On September 21, 2004, Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation (MFTBC), Japan advised Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc. (MFTA) that MFTBC has decided to conduct a safety recall in foreign countries involving vehicles that are substantially similar to vehicles offered for sale in the United States. Please see the details of the foreign recall below:

1. **Manufacturer's Name**

Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus Corporation (MFTBC), Japan

2. **Identification of Vehicles/Production Period**

- FH21G, FH21H, FK61F, FK61G, FK61H, FK64F, FK64H, FK71D, FK71G, FK71H, FK74H, MJ23H, MJ26H, MJ27H, MK23H, MK25F, MK25H, MK26F and MK27H
- Production Period: Japan: May 21, 2002 to September 8, 2004;
Export: May 21, 2002 to September 13, 2004 (+1 truck in Singapore produced on March 14, 2000)

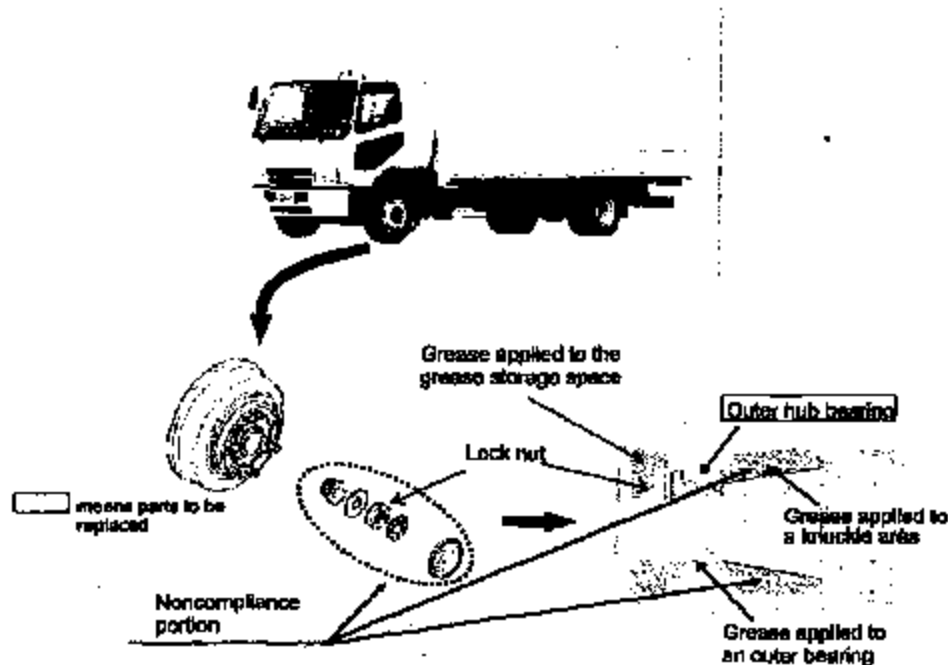
3. **Number of Vehicles Involved**

41,843 units (Japan: 33,990; Export: 7853)

AUSTRALIA	763	CURACAO	4	LIBYA	390	SEYCHELLES	2
PHILIPPINE	1	DOMINICAN REP.	22	MALAWI	1	SOUTH AFRICA (DCSA)	2
SALER ARABIA	741	EL SALVADOR	6	MAURITIUS	6	SRILANKA	2
SINGAPORE	309	ETHIOPIA	4	MONGOLIA	2	SUDAN	11
TAIWAN	1003	GUATEMALA	32	MOROCCO	12	SYRIA	2
U.S.A.(MFTA)	2637	HAITI	16	NEW ZEALAND	236	TANZANIA	1
BAHRAIN	30	HONDURAS	2	NICARAGUA	1	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	15
BARBADOS	16	INDIA	2	NORTH KOREA	1	U.A.E.	226
BERMUDA	6	JAMAICA	4	OMAN	60	VENEZUELA	27
BRUNEI	10	JORDAN	166	PAKISTAN	6	VIETNAM	7
CAMBODIA	1	KENYA	960	PANAMA	33	YEMEN	61
COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA	2	KUWAIT	62	PHILIPPINES	52	ZAMBIA	3
COSTA RICA	13	LAOS	17	QATAR	13		

4. Defect Description

On affected vehicles using an F040T front axle, the front wheel hub outer bearing lock nut may have been improperly tightened during initial assembly, and an insufficient amount of grease may have been applied to the outer bearing. These conditions could result in the outer bearing generating excessive heat and/or breaking, causing the vehicle to become disabled. In the worst case, the excessive heat could cause a fire.



5. Foreign countries where safety recall will be launched:

Japan

6. Safety Recall or other Safety Campaign:

Safety Recall

7. Recall determination, government or manufacturer:

Manufacturer

8. Remedy

Inspect the front wheel hub outer bearing for damage and replace the bearing if damage exists. Apply the proper amount of wheel bearing grease to the outer bearing, and tighten the lock nut to the proper specification.

9. Date Campaign will start:

Notification to MLIT: September 22, 2004

Notification to vehicle owners: September 24, 2004

10. **Substantially Similar Vehicles:**

Truck models offered for sale in the U.S. by MFTA that are substantially similar to trucks involved in this campaign are the 2002-2003 FH210, 1996-2004 FH211, 1996-2004 FK617, and 2005 FK81F. **Please Note: MFTBC trucks manufactured in Japan and offered for sale by MFTA in the U.S. use the same type of front wheel hub bearing, and are affected by this recall. MFTBC has notified MFTA of the details of a recall campaign. MFTA currently is preparing to conduct a safety recall in the U.S. and Canada.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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