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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

March 31, 2005

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NVS-215
05V-112

Subject: BRAKE CHAMBER ADJUSTABLE LENGTH TORQUE ROD

Dear MR. LAFON:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MACK/CHN/2004
MACK/CXN/2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-112

Recall Date: March 18, 2005

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:DISC:CHAMBER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 291

Summary:

ON CERTAIN HEAVY DUTY CLASS 8 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH AIR SUSPENSION PROPRIETARY AXLES, AND ADJUSTABLE LENGH TORQUE RODS, AN INTERFERENCE BETWEEN THE ADJUSTABLE TORQUE ROD AND THE BRAKE CHAMBER ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CHASSIS MAY EXIST. THE SPRING BRAKE CHAMBER CLAMP RING COULD POSSIBLY BE DISTORTED OVER TIME RESULTING IN LOSS OF AIR, WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE SPRING BRAKE AT THE CHAMBER BEING INADVERTENTLY APPLIED.

Consequence:

BRAKING CAPABILITY WOULD BE DIMINISHED, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPAIR AND REPLACE THE ADJUSTABLE TORQUE ROD, WITH A FIXED LENGTH TORQUE ROD, INSPECT AND REPAIR THE BRAKE CHAMBER. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON APRIL 18, 2005. OWNER SHOULD CONTACT MACK TRUCKS AT 610-709-2131.

Notes:

MACK TRUCKS RECALL NO. SC0294. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

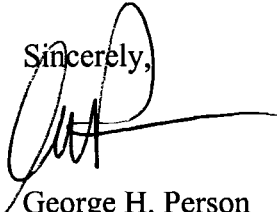
Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on April 18, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division