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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

April 29, 2005

RICK VAN LAAR
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORPORATION
COMPLIANCE MANAGER 3033 WAYNE TRACE
FORT WAYNE IN 46806

NVS-215
05V-188

Subject: FIFTH WHEEL SLIDE CONTROL

Dear MR. VAN LAAR:

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:

INTERNATIONAL/7400/2002-2006
INTERNATIONAL/7500/2002-2006
INTERNATIONAL/7600/2002-2006
INTERNATIONAL/7700/2002-2006
INTERNATIONAL/8500/2002-2006
INTERNATIONAL/8600/2002-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-188

Recall Date: April 28, 2005

Components:

TRAILER HITCHES:FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4616

Summary:

ON CERTAIN VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH AIR OPERATED FIFTH WHEEL SLIDES AND AN MSVA 7-PACK ACCESSORY CONTROLLER, THE 7-PACK CAN ALLOW WATER TO CONTAMINATE ITS CIRCUIT BOARD. THIS COULD RESULT IN INADVERTENT OPERATION OF THE FIFTH WHEEL SLIDE CONTROL.

Consequence:

IF THE SLIDE CONTROL ACTUATES WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION, MOMENTUM FROM THE TRAILER CAN CAUSE THE FIFTH WHEEL TO SLIDE WITHOUT INPUT FROM THE DRIVER, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH WITHOUT WARNING.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL RELOCATE THE MSVA 7-PACK TO A LESS WATER INTENSIVE ENVIRONMENT. A NEW MSVA 7-PACK BASE, THAT HAS BEEN IMPROVED TO PREVENT WATER INTRUSION, AND ALL AIR ACCESSORY SOLENOIDS WILL BE INSTALLED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:


INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 05511. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

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, owner notification is expected to begin during July 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 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