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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215
05V-313

Subject: BRAKE SLACK ADJUSTER DRAGLINK INTERFERENCE

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/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-313

Recall Date: July 06, 2005

Components:
POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 320

Summary:
ON CERTAIN HEAVY DUTY CLASS 8 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH FXL AXLES, THERE IS A POTENTIAL THAT THE DRAGLINK MAY CONTACT THE BRAKE SLACK ADJUSTER DURING FULL WHEEL CUT AND ARTICULATION OF THE CHASSIS.

Consequence:

IF THIS OCCURS, THE SLACK ADJUSTER MAY BE DAMAGED TO A POINT WHERE BRAKE PERFORMANCE IS COMPROMISED, WHICH MAY RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE BRAKE ASSEMBLIES ON THE FRONT AXLE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 8, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT MACK TRUCKS AT 610-709-2131.

Notes:

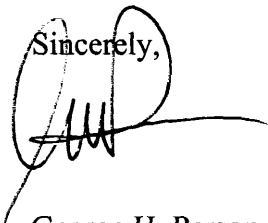
MACK TRUCKS RECALL NO. SC0296. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

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 August 8, 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,



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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement