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Dear Mr. Medford:

Enclosed is an amended Noncompliance Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 which provides revisions to the report which was submitted on July 20, 2005. In that report we stated that Nissan plans to petition the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for a determination that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. Since submitting that report, we have decided not to seek an inconsequentiality exemption for the 2005 model year Infiniti Q45 vehicles identified in that report. The amended report includes information concerning the corrective action for that model. Nissan currently plans to begin owner notification for these vehicles on September 30, 2005. We have not yet determined the dealer notification date but will advise the agency when it has been determined. The other revisions in the amended report correct errors in the number of potentially affected vehicles.

Very truly,



Frank D. Slaveter
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NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan Motor Company, Ltd.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2005 model year Infiniti FX vehicles manufactured from September 1, 2004 to July 13, 2005; 2005 model year Infiniti Q45 model vehicles equipped with power rear seat manufactured from September 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 (end of production); and 2005 model year Nissan Maxima vehicles produced from September 1, 2004 until July 11, 2005.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 24,655 2005 model year Infiniti FX35 and FX45 vehicles, 167 2005 model year Infiniti Q45 vehicles, and 65,361 2005 model year Nissan Maxima vehicles (90,183 total).

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Noncompliance:

Unknown

5. Description of the Noncompliance:

The vehicles fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 225, S9.2.2 (a). All other requirements under FMVSS 225 are met.

6. Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance

In late June 2005 NHTSA conducted a compliance test for FMVSS 225 on a 2005 Infiniti FX and notified Nissan of an apparent noncompliance concerning the requirement in S9.2.2 (a). Nissan initiated an investigation. In July 2005 it evaluated the location of the lower anchorage bar in a sample of 2005 Infiniti FX and Q45 vehicles and in 2005 Nissan Maxima vehicles. Based on this evaluation, Nissan determined that the subject vehicles do not meet the requirement in FMVSS 225, S9.2.2 (a).

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 556, a petition will be submitted on or before August 12, 2005 seeking exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of the Safety Act for the above Infiniti FX and Nissan

Maxima vehicles on the basis that the above referenced noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

In the case of the Infiniti Q45 vehicles, Nissan will conduct a safety recall campaign and plans to begin owner notification on September 30, 2005. The date for dealer notification has not yet been determined and will be provided once it is available. The lower anchorage bars will be replaced with modified ones.

8. Copy of Notices:

Copies of all notices will be provided to NHTSA as they become available.