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(2004-2005)

Mr. Richard Boyd
Mr. Robert Young
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Re: NOTICE OF DEFECT NOTIFICATION CAMPAIGN REGARDING APRILIA
RSV 1000 MOTORCYCLES

Dear Mssrs Young and Boyd:

We write to provide information pursuant to the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, and 49 CFR 573. Aprilia USA World Services, Inc. ("Aprilia") has determined that the swing arm component on the Aprilia RSV 1000 ("RSV") model motorcycle may develop a stress fracture that may develop over an extended period of time depending on the severity of the riding conditions to which the vehicle is subjected. Although there has never been a report of any injury or accident that resulted from such a component failure, Aprilia is always concerned with the safety of its products. Accordingly, Aprilia intends to conduct a defect notification campaign whereby said swing arm components on all RSV motorcycles shall be replaced in their entirety with a component that is not subject to the same potential failure. Aprilia believes that if this component is replaced, this will eliminate any potential risk to the users of the subject vehicles.

1. Manufacturers Name: Aprilia S.p.A., Ltd.

Imported Vehicle Distributor: ApriliaWorld Service USA, Inc.
109 Smoke Hill Lane, Suite 190
Woodstock, GA 30188-7352.

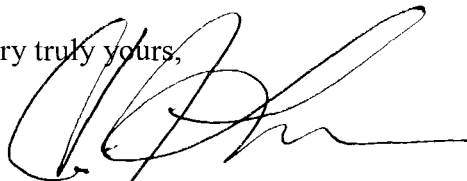
2. Vehicles Affected: This recall shall affect all 2004 and 2005 RSV models. These vehicles have been manufactured from 2003 to the present.

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3. Total Number of Subject Vehicles potentially containing defect: This campaign will potentially affect a total of 877 vehicles.
4. Affected Range: All 2004 and 2005 RSV 1000 models imported into the US.
5. Campaign involves the replacement of all swing arm components for all RSV motorcycles in the affected range. A technical service bulletin will be provided to all dealers and authorized repair facilities, which will state detailed information concerning the repair of said vehicles. Specific photographic documentation was previously provided to NHTSA.
6. Aprilia has been notified by Aprilia S.p.A., Ltd that such indicated potential failures may occur.
7. Not applicable.
8. Aprilia shall provide the Office of Defects Investigation with a proposed owner's notification and envelope to be used for mailing to customers, with a request for approval of the same by NHTSA. We will also provide a copy of the Technical Bulletin and owner's letter to NHTSA for approval. The mailing should be accomplished within fourteen (14) days of the date of approval by NHTSA. All work performed by the dealer in accordance with the directions of the recall shall be performed at no charge for parts and labor.
9. Not applicable.
10. Aprilia shall provide NHTSA with the applicable owners' letter and envelope and Technical Service Bulletin.

We thank you very much for your assistance as we carry out this important campaign. Kindly indicate which numerical designation you intend to provide for this recall so that we may include with in the notification to our dealers and customers. If you should need any further information, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik Larson', written over a horizontal line.

**Erik Larson, Director of Technical Services
APRILIA WORLD SERVICE USA, INC.**