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Subject: RIM/TREDIT, Defect Notice 05E-051

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Dear George,

This letter is a response to your letter written on September 27, 2005 which I received yesterday, October 4, 2005. Your letter stated that our defect report satisfied most of the requirements, but there was still some information that you needed. This correspondence will provide the information that you still need.

1. Trails West notified our dealer of the defect immediately, to prevent this trailer from being sold to an end user with the defective wheels. Our dealer was notified on September 2, 2005, the day after Tredit Tire notified Trails West. This was recorded on my report to you on page 5.
2. There was only one unit affected by this recall which was manufactured on 4/13/05. Therefore, 4/13/05 would be the only date that is affected by this recall. The date that Trails West Manufacturing was first notified of the defect was 9/1/05.
3. Because only one trailer is affected by this recall, and it hasn't been sold to an end user (not put into service) there were no written notifications, or bulletins sent out. As stated in #1 of this document, a simple telephone call to the dealer was sufficient to make sure that the dealer did not sell the unit until the wheel tire combination is replaced. Had there been many units affected, and several dealers involved Trails West would have prepared and sent the necessary documents.
4. The wheel and tire combinations are being sent to the dealer, but the dealer has not received them yet. Once the dealer receives these wheel and tire combinations, and has replaced them on the trailer, Trails West Manufacturing will gladly provide a report stating that the work has been completed. If there is a required form for this report, please let me know, otherwise I will send notification on company letterhead.

I hope the above information satisfies the request made by your office. If any additional information is needed please contact me.

Sincerely,



Jon S. Reeder
General Manager