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U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Mr. Chris Tinto  
Vice President  
Technical and Regulatory Affairs  
Toyota Motor North America, Inc.  
601 13th St NW, Suite 910 South  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Tinto:

This is to notify you that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has made a determination to deny Toyota Motor North America's June 30, 2005 petition for an exemption from the recall requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 225 is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. A copy of the Federal Register notice explaining this decision is enclosed for your information.

Since this petition has been denied, pursuant to 49 CFR 573.5(c)(8)(iii), you must submit an amended Noncompliance Information Report to my office no later than five (5) working days from your receipt of this letter. That report shall include the following information: recall population, problem description, remedy, and recall schedule. If a portion of the information which is required to fully describe the recall is unknown, the report must still be submitted on time. The remaining information is to be provided as it becomes available.

If you have any questions regarding your recall obligations, you may call George Person at 202-366-5210.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RSM'.

Ronald L. Medford  
Senior Associate Administrator  
for Vehicle Safety

Enclosure