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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Russell Jura
Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA
6555 Katella Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630-5010

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Dear Mr. Jura:

Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (Yamaha) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 05V-256 who have not had their motorcycles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 46,514 1998-2005 MY Yamaha XVS65 and XVS11 motorcycles which the original replacement mounting hardware holding the passenger seat to the fender could break if the mounting hardware is over tightened. The remedy for this recall campaign is to replace the hardware holding the passenger seat to the fender with components of a different type that will not allow the seat to fall off. Through the third quarter of 2006, Yamaha's sixth reporting quarter, Yamaha reports that of the 46,514 motorcycles involved, 6,806 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 14.6 percent.

Yamaha should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

- Before conducting the owner renotification, Yamaha should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Yamaha's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a "... follow-up to an earlier communication."
- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Yamaha is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.

- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
 - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
 - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
 - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
 - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Yamaha's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by February 6, 2007.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly Schuler of my staff at (202) 366-5227, by fax at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George Person, Chief
Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement