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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

MR. RICK VAN LAAR
COMPLIANCE MANAGER
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORPORATION
3033 WAYNE TRACE
FORT WAYNE, IN 46806

NVS-215kjs
06V-406

Subject: HANDRAIL

Dear MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

IC/3800/1998
IC/CESB/2003-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-406

Mfg's Report Date: October 24, 2006

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 211

Summary:

CERTAIN MY 2003 THROUGH 2007 IC CESB AND MY 1998 3800 SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN DECEMBER 23, 1997, AND MARCH 31, 2006. THE HANDRAILS WERE NOT INSTALLED CORRECTLY WHICH WILL ALLOW PASSENGER COAT STRINGS OR DRAWSTRINGS TO GET CAUGHT AS THE PASSENGER EXITS THE BUS.

Consequence:

SHOULD A PASSENGER GET CAUGHT WHILE EXITING THE BUS, DEATH OR PERSONAL INJURY COULD OCCUR.

Remedy:

IC WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 17, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT IC CORPORATION AT 1-800-843-5615 OR INTERNATIONAL AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 06510. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).


Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on November 17, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at Kelly.schuler@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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