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Dan Smith
Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Noncompliance Information Report FL-435, Certification

Mr. Smith:

We are unsure if the attached Report has been received by NHTSA. It was originally mailed in November 2004 to report a campaign to recall 4 trucks sold in Puerto Rico without U.S. compliance certification.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy Blubaugh

Enclosure

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November 23, 2004

Kenneth N. Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NSA-01)
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Noncompliance Information Report FL-435

Mr. Weinstein:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall 4 trucks manufactured in Mexico and sold in Puerto Rico without U.S. compliance certification.

Attached is Freightliner's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Blubaugh".

Timothy Blubaugh

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Noncompliance Information Report

(Section 573.6)

November 23, 2004

(c)(1) **Manufacturer:** Freightliner LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Freightliner

(c)(2) **Vehicles identification:**

Model(s) affected: Freightliner FL70 Truck Cab-Chassis

Manufacture Dates: August 23 thru August 27, 2002

Basis for determining population: Four vehicles manufactured in Mexico and sold in Puerto Rico without U.S. compliance certification. VINs: 3ALABUCS83DL63262, 3ALABUCSX3DL63263, 3ALABUCS13DL63264, and 3ALABUCS33DL63265

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: not applicable

(c)(3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** 4

(c)(4) **Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** 100%

(c)(5) **Description of the defect:** Vehicles were manufactured without U.S. compliance certification. The vehicles do not have ABS.

(c)(6) **Chronology of principal events:** Four FL-70 Business Class truck cab-chassis were manufactured in August 2002 as part of a group trucks built for sale in Mexico without U.S. certification. In 2004, these trucks were shipped to a final stage manufacturer in Mexico and sold to a customer in Puerto Rico. Once this mistake was discovered, the Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin was held by Freightliner pending resolution.

(c)(7) **Noncompliance-test or other data:** not applicable

(c)(8) **Remedial program:** The vehicles will either be retrofit to bring them into compliance, or exported out of Puerto Rico. If they are retrofit, Freightliner will send personnel and parts to add ABS and modify the vehicles in Puerto Rico. The required certification and tire information labels will be installed. An incomplete Vehicle Document will be provided to the final stage manufacturer.

Estimated Owner Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Freightliner records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately January 15, 2005.

Reimbursement Plan: Prior repairs have not been made to add the required components.

(c)(9) **Communications sent to dealers and owners:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(10) **Copy of proposed owner notification letter:** A draft will be sent for ODI review when available.

(c)(11) **Manufacturer's campaign number:** FL-435