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**Safety Defect Information Report  
Pursuant to 49 CFR part 573  
NHTSA FILE 06V – 262  
Approval Date: 19 July 2006  
AMENDED 12 September 2006**

Country Coach, Inc. has decided that certain motor homes it manufactured between 1995 and 2000 were produced with defective tires. Country Coach is hereby providing notification to your office in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.

The amended information required by your regulations follows.

**2. 573.5 (c)(2) Equipment Involved In This Notification – **AMENDED:****

**Model Year:** 1995 Intrigue motor home manufactured April 1995

**VIN Range:** 46GED1818S1052366

**Vehicle Type:** MPV

**Bodystyle:** Motor Home

**Model Year:** 1996 Intrigue motor homes manufactured from April 1995 through May 1996

**VIN Range:** 46GED1811S1052421 - 46GED1819T1052670

**Vehicle Type:** MPV

**Bodystyle:** Motor Home

**Model Year:** 1997 Intrigue motor homes manufactured from June 1996 through May 1997

**VIN Range:** 46GED1815T1052679 - 46GED1819V1043163

**Vehicle Type:** MPV

**Bodystyle:** Motor Home

**Model Year:** 1998 Intrigue motor homes manufactured from June 1997 through May 1998

**VIN Range:** 4U7B5DH10W1100248 – 4U7B5KD13W1100639

**Vehicle Type:** MPV

**Bodystyle:** Motor Home

**Model Year:** 1999 Intrigue motor homes manufactured from June 1998 through May 1999

**VIN Range:** 4U7B5EK18X1100644 – 4U7B5DK10X1101183

**Vehicle Type:** MPV

**Bodystyle:** Motor Home

**Model Year:** 2000 Intrigue motor homes manufactured from June 1999 through November 2000

**VIN Range:** 4U7B5CK18Y1101184 – 4U7B5EK15Y1101459

**Vehicle Type:** MPV

**Bodystyle:** Motor Home

**Model Year:** 1998 Allure motor homes manufactured from January 1998 through June 1998

**VIN Range:** 4U7A5DH18W1100428 – 4U7A5EJ16W1100590

**Vehicle Type:** MPV

**Bodystyle:** Motor Home

**Model Year:** 1999 Allure motor homes manufactured from June 1998 through June 1999

**VIN Range:** 4U7A5EJ14X1100640 – 4U7A5DJ19X1101177

**Vehicle Type:** MPV

**Bodystyle:** Motor Home

**Model Year:** 2000 Allure motor homes manufactured from June 1999 through November 2000

**VIN Range:** 4U7A5EJ11Y1101181 – 4U7A5DJ10Y1101456

**Vehicle Type:** MPV

**Bodystyle:** Motor Home

**Model Year:** 2000 through 2002 Country Coach DynoMax chassis manufactured from May 1999 through June 2001 and incorporated into Islander motor homes manufactured by National RV

**VIN Range:** 4U7F5EJ14Y1101200 – 4U7F5EV1521192437

**Vehicle Type:** MPV

**Bodystyle:** Chassis

3. **573.5 (c)(3) Total Number Of Items Of Equipment – AMENDED:**

A total of 755 motor homes are involved:

Model Year 1995 - 1 Intrigue motor home, consumer owned

Model Year 1996 - 21 Intrigue motor homes, consumer owned

Model Year 1997 - 21 Intrigue motor homes, consumer owned

Model Year 1998 - 63 Intrigue motor homes, consumer owned  
41 Allure motor homes, consumer owned

Model Year 1999 - 211 Intrigue motor homes, consumer owned  
132 Allure motor homes, consumer owned

Model Year 2000 - 98 Intrigue motor homes, consumer owned  
59 Allure motor homes, consumer owned

Model Year 2000-2002 – 108 Incomplete DynoMax motor home chassis built for National RV and made into Islander motor homes, all are consumer owned

4. **573.5 (c)(4) Approximate Percentage Of Equipment Estimated To Actually Contain The Safety Defect – AMENDED:**

100% of the motor homes identified in item 2, above, are considered to have the safety defect.

5. **573.5 (c)(5) Description Of The Safety Defect – AMENDED:**  
*Brief summary of safety defect:*

Toyo 275/70R **M102z** tires are defective and could fail unexpectedly resulting in a loss of steering control and could result in a vehicle accident

*Detailed description of safety defect:*

Toyo 275/70R **M102z** tires are defective and could fail unexpectedly resulting in a loss of steering control and could result in a vehicle accident

6. **Chronological Summary Of Events Leading To This Determination - AMENDED:**

January 18, 2005 - NHTSA Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) opens Recall Query (RQ05-001) to investigate allegations of front tire failures as a result of overloading in Model Year 1995 through 2000 Country Coach Allure and Intrigue vehicles.

March 24, 2005 - Country Coach submits data as requested in RQ05-001 to ODI.

July 21, 2005 - NHTSA ODI upgrades RQ05-001 to Engineering Analysis (EA05-011) for further investigation of tire failures to evaluate whether campaigns completed on subject vehicles intended to correct tire failures are adequate and/or effective. All tire failures are required to be reported to ODI within 24 hours as part of the EA.

June 12, 2006 - National RV Holdings General Counsel and Country Coach, Inc. representative meet with ODI staff to discuss resolutions to EA05-011 issues. Agreement is reached on several issues with some issues remaining to be resolved.

June 30, 2006 - National RV General Counsel files preliminary Part 573 for the replacement of the Toyo 275/70R M102z tire. NHTSA File No: 06V0262.

August 30, 2006 - ODI closes EA05-011 with notice to Country coach, Inc. on September 7, 2006.

Sept 7, 2006 - Country Coach, Inc. files amended return with NHTSA for 06V-262 with details of motor homes involved and proposed remedy.

7. **573.5 (c)(8) Description Of Proposed Safety Defect Remedy – AMENDED:**

The remedy is to replace all Toyo 275/70R **M102z** tire remaining on the affected motor homes with Michelin 275/70R **XZA2** tires. The new tires and Federal tire labels will be provided at no cost to motor home owners. The labor required to change the Federal tire label is not expected to exceed **one-quarter (1/4) hour**. The labor to change two front tires is not expected to exceed **two (2) hours**. The labor to change four rear tires is not expected to exceed **three (3) hours**. The labor to change all six tires is not expected to exceed **five (5) hours**. All removed tires must be destroyed in accordance with state or local laws.

8. **Program for Remedy Campaign – AMENDED:**

Country Coach will notify all owners of the affected motor homes and will offer to remedy the motor homes free of charge. Safety Defect recall notices will be mailed to the owners of the affected motor homes and a Dealer Vehicle Safety Defect Service Bulletin will be mailed to all dealers on or before 25 September 2006. All mailings will be by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and First Class Mail.

9. **Tire Disposal Plan – AMENDED:**

Tires are to be disposed of in accordance with state or local laws. If state or local laws do not apply, then the tires should be disposed of in a generally accepted environmental manner consistent with local, state and/or federal laws. Country Coach will pay the reasonable cost of the lawful and environmentally accepted disposal of recalled tires.