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**National Highway
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Mr. Russell D. Jura
Senior Vice President and
General Counsel
Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA
6555 Katella Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630-5101

NVS-215kjs
03V-309 &
06V-397

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 03V-309 and 06V-397 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. These recalls involve certain 1999 to 2003 Yamaha XV 1600cc and 1700cc motorcycles; the transmission can lock up due to a broken retaining circlip. Owner notification began on September 2, 2003 for recall 03V-309 and on October 10, 2006 for recall 06V-397. Through the second Quarter of 2008, Yamaha reports that of the 26,829 vehicles involved in the 03V-309 campaign, 4,063 have not been remedied, and that of the 19,797 vehicles involved in the 06V-397 campaign, 11,203 have not been remedied.

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

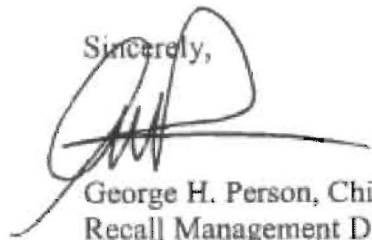
- Before conducting the owner renotification, Yamaha should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Yamaha's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," 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," and that it urge owners to present their vehicle for remedy

- 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 October 14, 2008.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ric Willard at (202) 366-6544, richard.willard@dot.gov or Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227, Kelly.schuler@dot.gov or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Person", written over the word "Sincerely,".

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