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January 29, 2007

Subject: New Safety Recall (SC0319, Steering Wheel Retaining Nut)

Attention:

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Submitted via Email to Patricia Wallace.

The following information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6 as it applies to a defect relating to motor vehicle safety.

573.6(c)(1)

Mack Trucks, Inc.
2100 Mack Blvd
Allentown, PA 18103

573.6(c)(2)

Mack CHN, CHU, CXN, CXP, and CXU model vehicles manufactured from October 2, 2006 through December 7, 2006.

Model Year: 2007

573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately two thousand two hundred fifty-five (2,255) vehicles affected by the recall of which there are two thousand eighty-five (2,085) vehicles that were sold in the United States.

573.6(c)(4)

The percentage of the 2,255 vehicles expected to contain the defect is unknown.

573.6(c)(5)

The nut that retains the steering wheel may not have been installed, which may result in a loss of control of the vehicle.



573.6 (c)(6)

Chronology of principle events that were the basis for the determination:

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| 11/13/06 | Vehicle found off-line without steering wheel retaining nut at the manufacturing facility |
| 12/7/06 | Received report from customer that steering wheel came off as a result of retaining nut not being installed |
| 12/9/06 | Vehicles quarantined at factory. All vehicles at the factory inspected to confirm that the steering wheel retaining nut was installed |
| 12/9/06 | Regulatory Affairs group contacted, safety investigation opened |
| 1/26/07 | Mack Trucks decided that the condition described in this notification constitutes a defect and that such defect is safety related |
| 1/29/07 | NHTSA notified that Mack Trucks would initiate a voluntary safety recall |

There is 1 Customer Complaint associated with this issue.

573.6(c)(7)

Not applicable

573.6(c)(8)

Mack Trucks, Inc. will initiate a voluntary owner notification, and recall all 2,255 vehicles.

All vehicles will be repaired by removing the horn button to confirm that the retaining nut was installed.

Reimbursement for cost incurred by the owner for “prenotification remedies” will be addressed on a case-by-case basis according to the “General Plan for Reimbursement of Pre-notification Remedies” which was published December 8th, 2004.

The number, which has been assigned to this recall by Mack Trucks, Inc., is **SC0319**.

A Safety Recall Alert will be released to dealers on or before January 29, 2007, which informs the dealer of the recall. Owner letters are tentatively scheduled to be mailed on or before February 12, 2007.



An advance copy of the owner's letter will be submitted to NHTSA for review and approval prior to release to the owners.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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