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February 14, 2007

Subject: New Safety Recall (SC0318, Chalmers Suspension)

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)

Certain Mack CL, CT, CTP, CV, and GU model vehicles manufactured from September 9, 2006 through November 20, 2006 with a 46k pound Chalmers brand rear suspension.

Model Year: 2007

Original Equipment Supplier Information:

Chalmers Suspensions International, Inc.
6400 Northam Drive
Mississauga, Ontario Canada L4V 1J1

573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately eighty six (86) vehicles affected by the recall of which there are seventy eight (78) vehicles that were sold in the United States.

573.6(c)(4)

The percentage of the 86 vehicles expected to contain the defect is unknown.

573.6(c)(5)

There is a potential that the adjustable torque rods used on the suspension may be brittle. This may lead to a premature failure of the rod, 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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| 11/7/06 | Chalmers notifies Mack Trucks, Inc. via Service Bulletin "20061110" |
| 11/7/06 | Stop Delivery issued. Vehicles contained at factory. |
| 11/20/06 | Regulatory Affairs group contacted, safety investigation opened |
| 2/9/07 | Mack Trucks decided that the condition described in this notification constitutes a defect and that such defect is safety related |
| 2/14/07 | NHTSA notified that Mack Trucks would initiate a voluntary safety recall |

There are no warranty claims, customer complaints, or field reports associated with the safety defect.

573.6(c)(7)

Not applicable

573.6(c)(8)

Mack Trucks, Inc. will initiate a voluntary owner notification, and recall all 86 vehicles.

All vehicles will be inspected and repaired as required.

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 **SC0318**.

A Safety Recall Alert will be released to dealers on or before February 16, 2007, which informs the dealer of the recall. Owner letters are tentatively scheduled to be mailed on or before March 14, 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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