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Mr. Daniel Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Defect Report Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573

Dear Mr. Smith:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2008 model year Kawasaki Motorcycles. The following information, constituting a Defect Report, provides the information immediately available. Additional information needed to fully comply with the reporting requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.5(c) will be submitted in a subsequent report.

- 1) The manufacturer's name: The vehicles in question were manufactured by Kawasaki Motors Enterprise (Thailand) Co., Ltd., and imported to the United States by KMC, which will assume responsibility for conduct of this recall.
- 2) Identification of the affected vehicles potentially containing the defect: This involves 5 units of the 2008 model Kawasaki KLR650. These units were manufactured March 26 - 28, 2007.
- 3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect: A total of 5 vehicles are affected.
- 4) The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect: Seventy-five percent of these vehicles are believed to contain the defect, based on inspecting subject vehicles held in KMC warehouses.
- 5) A description of the defect including both brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location of the defect: Brief: incomplete welding of the retaining pin for the sidestand spring. Detailed: the sidestand pivots from the frame and is held in the upright (not deployed) position by a spring which stretches between a pin on the sidestand, and another on the frame. On these units, the spring retaining pin on the frame may not have been completely welded in place, and could fall out, which would allow the sidestand to drop into the "parking" position.
- 6) A chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information with their dates of receipt: This information will be provided in a subsequent report.
- 7) The manner in which and the date when the information about the defect was obtained: See above.

- 8) A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect. The estimated date on which it will begin sending notifications to owners that there is a safety-related defect: KMC has notified (by telephone) all dealers that had affected units in their inventory, directing them not to sell or release the units until they have been inspected. KMC will replace these vehicles. KMC will provide notification to the (one) customer who purchased an affected unit before the dealers were notified of the stop-sale.
- 9) A representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance. Copies of the final notification to dealers concerning the disposition of affected vehicles will be provided when finalized.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions in this matter.

Sincerely,  
KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.



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Director Public Affairs