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Subject: New Safety Recall (SC0331, SAF Holland Simplex Fifth Wheel)

Attention:

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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. ("Mack Trucks")
2100 Mack Blvd
Allentown, PA 18103

573.6(c)(2)

Certain Mack model vehicles manufactured with a SAF Holland Simplex Fifth Wheel from January 9, 2006 through June 29, 2007.

The selection of vehicles was based on material delivery dates supplied by SAF-HOLLAND.

Affected Models: CHN, CL, CT, CTP, CV, CXN, CXP, CXU

Model Year: 2006, 2007, 2008

Component Manufacturer: SAF-HOLLAND USA, Inc.
467 Ottawa Avenue
Holland, Michigan 49423

573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately one thousand four hundred two (1,402) vehicles affected by the recall of which there are approximately nine hundred fifty (950) vehicles that were sold in the United States.

573.6(c)(4)

The percentage of the 1,402 vehicles expected to contain the defect is unknown.



573.6(c)(5)

The lever arm pivot bolt may have been over-tightened. An over-tightened pivot bolt can distort the pivot bolt spacer sleeve, which may prevent the fifth wheel latch jaw from closing and latching securely around the trailer king pin.

573.6 (c)(6)

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

8/29/07 NHTSA notifies Mack Trucks' Regulatory Affairs Department of a consumer complaint on SAF-Holland Simplex Fifth Wheel service program.

8/29/07 Mack Trucks opens a safety defect investigation.

10/10/07 Mack Trucks decides that the condition described in this notification constitutes a defect and that such defect is safety related.

10/18/07 NHTSA notified that Mack Trucks would initiate a voluntary safety recall.

573.6(c)(7)

Not applicable

573.6(c)(8)

Mack Trucks will initiate a voluntary owner notification, and recall all 1,402 vehicles.

The recall repair will consist of replacing the pivot bolt and sleeve with a hex head shoulder bolt and washer.

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, is **SC0331**.

A Safety Recall Alert will be released to dealers on or before October 23, 2007, which informs the dealers of the recall. Owner letters are tentatively scheduled to be mailed on or before November 19, 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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