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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

March 21, 2008

MR. DICK SABATH
SENIOR MANAGER
COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATION
COUNTRY COACH LLC
135 EAST FIRST AVENUE
JUNCTION CITY OR 97448

NVS-215dgl
08V-119

Subject: SIDE MARKER LIGHTS/FMVSS 108

Dear MR. SABATH:

This letter serves to acknowledge Country Coach LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

COUNTRY COACH/AFFINITY/2004-2008
COUNTRY COACH/INTRIGUE/2004-2008
COUNTRY COACH/MAGNA/2004-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-119

Mfg's Report Date: March 19, 2008

Components: EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,228

Summary:

COUNTRY COACH IS RECALLING 1,228 MY 2004-2008 MAGNA, AFFINITY AND INTRIGUE MOTOR HOMES. THESE MOTOR HOMES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, "LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT." THE SIDE MARKER LIGHTS IN THE COMBINATION HEADLIGHT AND TAIL LIGHT ASSEMBLIES DO NOT MEET THE MINIMUM PHOTOMETRIC VALUES SPECIFIED IN THE STANDARD.

Consequence:

INADEQUACY OF THE FRONT AND REAR SIDE MARKER LIGHTS COULD AFFECT VISIBILITY OF THE MOTOR HOME DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY RESULT IN A MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE MARKER LIGHTS ON THE SIDE OF EACH MOTOR HOME AS CLOSE AS REASONABLE TO THE FRONT AND REAR CORNERS AND WILL WIRE THEM INTO THE PARK LIGHT SYSTEM FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE APRIL 20, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT COUNTRY COACH AT 800-547-8015.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George H. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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