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Subject: New Safety Recall (SC0340, Hella Headlamp)

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")
2100 Mack Blvd
Allentown, PA 18103

573.6(c)(2)

Certain Mack GU model vehicles manufactured with Hella headlamps that were produced from April 14 through May 5, 2008.

The selection of vehicles will be based on the shipment dates supplied by Hella Lighting Corporation.

Affected Models and Model Years:

GU - 2009

Component Manufacturer:

Hella Lighting Corporation ("Hella")
7979 Park Place Road
York, South Carolina 29745

573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately two hundred forty sets of suspect headlamps that were installed on vehicles. The number of vehicles sold in the US will be reported when it is established.

573.6(c)(4)

The percentage of the vehicles expected to contain the noncompliance is unknown.



573.6(c)(5)

The headlamp's bulb shield may not have been completely seated into the headlamp's reflector. If the shield is not seated, it can result in a noncompliance (i.e. exceeding the maximum light output in certain areas) with the photometric output requirements stated in the Motor Vehicle Safety Standard for lighting.

573.6 (c)(6)

Not applicable

573.6(c)(7)

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

- 5/9/08 Mack notified of quality issue on certain headlamps supplied by Hella
- 5/12/08 Headlamps in production inventory inspected and repaired by Hella at Mack's manufacturing facility
- 6/3/08 Hella provides detailed report of quality issue to Mack's Regulatory Affairs group; safety investigation opened
- 7/9/08 Mack determines that a noncompliance may exist with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard for lighting
- 7/16/08 NHTSA notified that Mack will conduct a voluntary safety recall and recall all vehicles which may contain a suspect headlamp

The noncompliance was found during verification tests performed by Hella.

573.6(c)(8)

Mack will initiate a voluntary owner notification, and recall all vehicles that may contain a suspect headlamp.

The recall repair will consist of inspecting the headlamps for suspect date codes and replacing 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, is SC0340.

A Safety Recall Alert will be released to dealers on or before July 21, 2008, which informs the dealers of the recall. Owner letters are tentatively scheduled to be mailed on or before August 22, 2008.

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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