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Dan Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

08V-417
(2 pages)

Re: Defect Information Report FL-532, Western Star Marker Lamps

Mr. Smith

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 7 Western Star 4900EX vehicles, manufactured November 15, 2005 through October 30, 2006 for a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 108.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA
Enclosure
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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

Date: June 24, 2008

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Western Star

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Western Star 4900EX

Model Years affected: 2006, 2007

Manufacture Dates: November 15, 2005 through October 30, 2006

Basis for determining population: Western Star 4900EX with additional marker lamps installed on top of cab at PDI

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: Not applicable

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 7

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 100%

(c)(5) Description of the defect: Additional marker lamps installed between the required identification lamps and clearance lamps on the top of some Western Star 4900EX cabs do not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 108. FMVSS 108 requires three lamps for identification purposes.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Additional lamps located on the same horizontal line near the identification lamps may make it difficult for other drivers to distinguish larger vehicles under some conditions.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: November 2006 installation of additional marker lamps was reported to Freightliner LLC by the Portland PDI.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: Visual inspection of trucks with additional lamps reveals noncompliance.

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: Remedy requires removal of additional marker lamps. Repairs will be performed by Western Star Trucks dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Western Star Trucks to do their own warranty repairs

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(ii) Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Western Star Trucks records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately August 22, 2008.

Dealer notification will be completed approximately August 22, 2008.

(c)(9) Information for tire recalls: Not Applicable

(c)(10) Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(11) Manufacturer's campaign number: FL-532