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May 19, 2009

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

On May 14, 2009, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in a coolant hose clamp on 2008 model year Honda CBR1000RR motorcycles, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of manufacturer: Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)

Manufacturer's agent: William R. Willen
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

Make/Model	Description	VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture
Honda CBR1000RR	Certain 2008 model year	JH2SC590X8M000003 - JH2SC59038M010632 Dec. 17, 2007 – March 19, 2008 JH2SC59468M000003 - JH2SC59498M000559 Dec 17, 2007 – Feb. 18, 2008 JH2SC591X8M000012 - JH2SC591X8M001693 Feb. 6, 2008 – March 19, 2008 JH2SC59518M000001 - JH2SC59548M000087 Feb. 2, 2008

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:
The recall population was based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 12,894

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

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Defect description:

A coolant hose clamp located on the water pump cover may break due to fatigue caused by vibration generated at continuous high engine speeds. If the clamp breaks, hot coolant can spray onto the rider's left lower leg.

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Chronology:

July 9, 2008 – HMC decided to conduct a foreign recall for certain 2008 CBR1000RR motorcycles.

July 16, 2008 – AHM notified NHTSA of the foreign recall.

July 29, 2008 – AHM received information that a coolant hose clamp broke after the vehicle was repeatedly ridden on the freeway at speeds well in excess of the posted limit. No incident or injury occurred.

March 21, 2009 – AHM received information that a second hose clamp broke while the vehicle was being raced on a track at a professional series event in Fontana, CA. No incident or injury occurred.

April 20, 2009 – AHM received information that a third hose clamp broke while the vehicle was being ridden at the Laguna-Seca Raceway in Monterey, CA. The rider alleged that the incident, which occurred on November 21, 2008, resulted in a crash and minor injury. He had learned of the foreign recall via the internet.

May 14, 2009 – HMC decided to expand the recall to the U.S market.

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Program for remedying the defect:

The owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to a Honda motorcycle dealer. The dealer will install the new coolant hose clamp, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: May 20, 2009

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: May 20, 2009

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners: June 6, 2009

The estimated date of completion of the notification: June 6, 2009

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Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the dealer service bulletin and text of the final customer notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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Proposed owner notification letter submission:

A draft of the owner notification letter is included with this submission.

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Manufacturer's campaign number:
R08

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

William R. Willen /JWA

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Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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