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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
10V-323

SUBJECT: BRAKE PEDAL OPERATION

DEAR MR. HAGIE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.'s (KMC) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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:
KAWASAKI/EX650C9F/2009
KAWASAKI/EX650CAF/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-323

Mfg's Report Date: July 6, 2010

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC: PEDALS AND LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,764

Summary:

KAWASAKI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 EX650C9F/FL AND MODEL YEAR 2010 EX650CAF/FL NINJA 650 MOTORCYCLES. THE RIGHT REAR PORTION OF THE LOWER COWLING CAN INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATOR'S FOOT WHILE IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING THE REAR BRAKE.

Consequence:

THIS COULD DIMINISH THE OPERATOR'S CONTROL OVER BRAKE FORCE APPLICATION OR DISTRACT THE OPERATOR, CREATING THE POTENTIAL FOR A CRASH RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL AN UPDATED FOOTREST GUARD AND FAIRING BRACKET. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JULY 19, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KAWASAKI CONSUMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 866-802-9381.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

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

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.

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

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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Timian", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement