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Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Associate Administrator:

The enclosed Noncompliance Information Report is being submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. A voluntary recall campaign will be initiated and your office provided with the notices. Nissan plans to notify dealers the week of August 16, 2010 and notify owners the week of August 30, 2010.

We will not include information in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy as the affected vehicles are under warranty.

Very truly,

John Gibbons
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2010 Model year Nissan Armada vehicles manufactured from June 7, 2010 to June 11, 2010.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Total number of vehicles: 174.

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Noncompliance:

Less than 1%

5. Description of the Noncompliance:

S4.3.2.1 (a) of FMVSS No. 207 specifies that once engaged, the restraining device for a forward-facing seat shall not release or fail when a forward longitudinal force is applied.

On some of the affected vehicles, the 2nd row center seat hinge assembly was manufactured out of specification. This may prevent the rear center seatback from fully locking in the in-use (upright) position. Based on engineering judgment, a vehicle equipped with one of the affected hinge assemblies for the 2nd row center seat will not meet the requirements specified in S4.3.2.1 (a) of FMVSS No. 207. All other applicable requirements are met. Other seating positions are not affected.

6. Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance:

During a routine seat inspection at the seat supplier, a malfunctioning seat hinge assembly was detected on a second row center seat. Nissan immediately began an investigation of this issue. The investigation included supplier parts inspection, yard inspection at the manufacturing

plant, and a limited inspection of vehicles in dealer inventory. Also, based on supplier records, Nissan identified a small population of vehicles that may have been assembled with an out of specification 2nd row center seat hinge assembly.

Once Nissan identified that some of the potentially affected vehicles left Nissan's direct control, it was decided that a recall should be initiated.

Seat supplier: Johnson Controls, Inc.
5757 North Green Bay Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53209

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Owners of all potentially affected vehicles will be notified to take their vehicle to a Nissan dealer. The second row center seat hinges/lock will be inspected for proper function. If the seat does not lock as designed, the 2nd row center seat hinge assembly will be replaced with a new one.

8. Copy of Notices:

Copies of all notices will be provided to NHTSA as they become available.