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VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Dutchmen Manufacturing Inc.
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Dutchmen has been notified by Norcold concerning a safety defect involving Model 1200, 1201, 1210, and 1211 refrigerators built between January 1, 2003 and October 6, 2010 inclusive. Norcold has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 10E-049 to the Norcold recall campaign.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain fifth wheel trailers manufactured by Dutchmen were built with Norcold refrigerators that contain the defect.

As more specifically set forth below, Norcold has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective refrigerators. Dutchmen will provide Norcold with a list of dealers and owners to assist Norcold in remedying the defect. Norcold will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product brands manufactured by Dutchmen.

| <u>Model</u> | <u>Model Years</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Grand Junction | 2008-2011 |
| Voltage | 2011 |

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 455.
These vehicles were built between 11/1/2007 and 10/8/2010.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with the defective refrigerators. Norcold has identified certain refrigerators that may be equipped with a defective sensing algorithm and thermal switch. On certain refrigerators manufactured from January 1, 2003 and October 6, 2010 with model numbers 1200, 1201, 1210, and 1211, the sensing algorithm and thermal switch response time is inadequate to respond to a high temperature situation. This condition can lead to a fire as a result of the power not being shut-off

in sufficient time. As a result of this potential, Norcold is conducting a safety recall campaign to inspect and, where necessary, correct this issue.

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Dutchmen was notified by Norcold via phone on October 19, 2010.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Norcold in connection with recall campaign 10E-049, Norcold will inspect the suspect refrigerators and repair if found to be defective. The owners of the fifth wheel trailers subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Dutchmen or Norcold in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Norcold. Norcold will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 10E-049. Norcold has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Norcold on the behalf of Dutchmen will notify the owners of the recreational vehicles by letter pending NHTSA approval. A copy of the owner's letter is attached for approval.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Norcold on behalf of Dutchmen will notify the Dutchmen dealers of this recall. A copy of the dealer's notification is attached for approval.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Norcold will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 10E-049. Because the information included by Norcold in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Dutchmen fifth wheel trailers subject to this recall campaign, Dutchmen will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- H. Campaign Number. Dutchmen does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Dutchmen will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Dutchmen with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Dutchmen in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact David Mihalick at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363. or Jerry McCarthy, Dutchmen at (574) 975-0546.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager