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**National Highway
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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Brad Franklin
Manager, Government Relations
Yamaha Motor Corporation, Inc.
6555 Katella Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630

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Dear Mr. Franklin:

The Office of Defects Investigation has identified three Yamaha recalls with an inadequate number of vehicles being returned for remedy. As such, Yamaha is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in the following safety recalls:

10V-365 (14% completion rate) This recall involves 53,449 MY 2006 through 2010 YZF-R6 motorcycles manufactured from August 2005 through March 2010. Owner notification began on August 12, 2010. In Yamaha's fifth reporting quarter, Yamaha reports that of the 53,449 vehicles involved, 45,997 have not been remedied.

09V-360 (39% completion rate) This recall involves 180 MY 2005 YZF-R1, FJR1300, and FZS600 motorcycles manufactured between October 2004 and April 2005. Owner notification began on October 7, 2009. In Yamaha's seventh reporting quarter, Yamaha reports that of the 180 vehicles involved, 110 have not been remedied.

10V-327 (47% completion rate) This recall involves 676 MY 2009 VMX17 motorcycles manufactured from June 2008 through March 2009. Owner notification began on July 28, 2010. In Yamaha's fourth reporting quarter, Yamaha reports that of the 676 vehicles involved, 361 have not been remedied.

Yamaha should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

- Before conducting each owner renotification, Yamaha should obtain an updated owner list, for each recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Yamaha's proposed owner renotification letter for each recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a ". . . follow-up to an earlier communication."
- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Yamaha is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports for each recall.
- Furnish, individually for each recall, a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
 - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
 - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
 - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
 - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Yamaha's renotification schedules and a draft of each proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by December 7, 2011.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Josh Neff at (202) 366-0698, Joshua.Neff@dot.gov or Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227, Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ric Willard", with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Ric Willard
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement