# Certain [Model Year] through [Model Year] Model Year [model] Potential Floor Mat Interference with Accelerator Pedal Safety Recall Campaign (Interim Notice)

[VIN] Dear Lexus Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Lexus has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 200\_through certain 20\_ model year [name of model] vehicles. The defect is the potential for an unsecured or incompatible driver's floor mat to interfere with the accelerator pedal and cause it to get stuck in the wide open position. Lexus has determined that this defect does not exist in vehicles in which the driver side floor mat is compatible with the vehicle and properly secured.

Lexus is currently developing a campaign remedy and will notify you when it is ready. In the meantime, we are providing important information regarding the issue and steps you may take in the interim.

#### What is the risk?

A stuck open accelerator pedal may result in very high vehicle speeds and make it difficult to stop the vehicle, which could cause a crash, serious injury or death.

#### What will Lexus do?

We will notify you again as soon as a campaign remedy is available for your vehicle.

### What should you do?

We request that you take out <u>any removable</u> driver's floor mat and NOT replace it with any other floor mat until the campaign remedy is ready and implemented on your vehicle.

In the event you choose not to take out your removable floor mat, Lexus strongly recommends that you ensure that the correct floor mat is being used, that it is properly installed and secured, that it is not flipped over with the bottom-side up, and that one floor mat is not stacked over another. Information on proper floor mat installation for your vehicle is enclosed with this notification. Please visit http://www.lexus.com/floormats for information on other models.

## What should you do if you experience accelerator pedal interference?

Should the vehicle continue to accelerate rapidly after releasing the accelerator pedal, this could be an indication of floor mat interference. If this occurs, Lexus recommends you take the following actions:

First, if it is possible and safe to do so, pull back the floor mat and dislodge it from the accelerator pedal; then pull over and stop the vehicle.

If the floor mat cannot be dislodged, then firmly and steadily step on the brake pedal with both feet. Do NOT pump the brake pedal repeatedly as this will increase the effort required to slow the vehicle.

Shift the transmission gear selector to the <u>Neutral (N)</u> position and use the brakes to make a controlled stop at the side of the road and turn off the engine.

If unable to put the vehicle in Neutral, turn the engine OFF, or to ACC. This will not cause loss of steering or braking control, but the power assist to these systems will be lost.

- -If the vehicle is equipped with an Engine Start/Stop button, firmly and steadily push the button for at least three seconds to turn off the engine. Do NOT tap the Engine Start/Stop button.
- -If the vehicle is equipped with a conventional key-ignition, turn the ignition key to the ACC position to turn off the engine. Do NOT remove the key from the ignition as this will lock the steering wheel.

What if you have other questions?

Please visit <a href="http://www.lexus.com/floormats">http://www.lexus.com/floormats</a> for further information. Your local Lexus dealer will be more than happy to answer any of your questions as well. If you require further assistance, you may contact the Lexus Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-255-3987 Monday through Friday, 5:00 am to 6:00 pm, or Saturday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Pacific Standard Time.

Lexus will advise you in a separate letter when a campaign remedy is available for your vehicle. After you receive that separate letter, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <a href="http://www.safercar.gov">http://www.safercar.gov</a>, if you believe that Lexus has failed or is unable to provide a remedy without charge or within a reasonable time after the earliest date we advise you in writing that a campaign remedy is available for your vehicle.

If you are a vehicle lessor, Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the vehicle lessee within ten days.

We have sent this notice in the interest of your continued satisfaction with our products.

Sincerely,

Lexus Division TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC