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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, Forest River Inc. P.O. Box 3030 Elkhart, Indian 46515-3030 is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a recall campaign for non compliance, which is being initiated. The specific information is as follows;

573.6(c)(2)

Affected vehicles are R-Pod travel trailers built from 10/27/2008 to 11/30/2010.

The recall population was determined from the manufacturing records for the company's manufacturing plants in Goshen Indiana and Dallas, Oregon which produced the affected R-Pod travel trailer.

573.6(c)(3)

A total of two thousand seven hundred forty one-(2,741) R-Pod travel trailers are subject to this recall. Specific Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) is as follows;

Indiana manufacture R-Pod travel trailer with a starting VIN of 4X4TRP5109L004102 and ending with VIN 4X4TRP71XBL007558.

Oregon manufacturer R-Pod travel trailers with a starting VIN of 4X4TRP716B2004002 and ending with 4X4TRPT21B2004075.

573.6(c)(4)

Forest River, Inc. is recalling 100 percent of the VIN numbers identified in the scope.

573.6(c)(5)

The R-Pod travel trailer is inconsistent with 49 CFR part 571.108, location of required lighting equipment specifically, the requirements for amber and red clearance lights that can be seen from the front and rear indicating the design width of the unit and red marker lights indicating the height that can be seen from the rear of the trailer.

The R-Pod travel trailer was being developed with a body width of less than 80” the interpretation of table IV of CFR part 571.108 indicated that a unit with a width of less than 80” did not require clearance lights nor marker lights. Foot note (1) indicated that “The term overall width refers to the nominal design dimension of the widest part of the vehicle, exclusive of signal lamps, marker lamps, outside rear view mirrors, flexible fender extensions, and mud flaps, determined with doors and windows closed and the wheels in the straight ahead position”.

Therefore the marker lights and clearance lights were not installed because of the reference to fenders as part of the exemption.

573.6(c)(6)

Forest River decided to conduct this recall after an audit of the manufacturing plants for Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Compliance that was initiated due to a customer complaint to NHTSA and NHTSA’s interpretation of 571.108, table IV.

573.6(c)(8)

The remedy for the affected travel trailers would involve placing the DOT approved Amber and Red clearance lights on the fender of the trailer indicating the over all design width and a spoiler on the rear as high as applicable to house the red marker lights.

Forest River Surveyor Division, who manufactures the R-Pod, has installed the amber and red clearance lights on the fenders and the spoiler with the marker lights on all R-Pods in full compliance according to 571.108 since December of 2010.

Thank you for your assistance,

Sincerely



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