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RE: FMVSS 138 Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems Part 573, Non-Compliance Information Report

Dear Mr. Smith,

In accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573, on behalf of Gulf States Toyota, Inc. (GST), we hereby submit the attached Non-Compliance Information Report concerning certain Toyota vehicles that do not meet certain requirements of FMVSS 138, Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact me at (713) 580-3445.

Jeff Parent/

Sincerely

Vice President, Planning, Distribution, & Strategy

NON-COMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Vehicle Distributor Name:

Gulf States Toyota, Inc. 1375 Enclave Parkway Houston, Texas 77077

2. Identification of Affected Vehicles

Based on production and sales records, we have determined the affected vehicle population as set forth in the table below on which accessory Light Truck (LT) tires were installed at the Vehicle Processing Center operated by GST prior to first sale:

FJ CRUISER

WMI	MY	VDS	START	FINISH
JTE	2011	BU4BF	K104805	K107114

TUNDRA

WMI	MY	VDS	START	FINISH
	2009	BW541	X12A509	X51A162
		CW541	X51A210	X009000
		DW541	X02A628	X092061
		EV541	X072781	X072495
		RT541	X51A534	X51A734
		RU541	X018921	X02A817
		RV541	X070093	X50A135
		SV541	X006302	X006302
	2010	CW5F1	X011303	X18A194
5TF		DM5F1	X002620	X49A950
		DW5F1	X06A287	X46C186
		EM5F1	X008325	X41A227
		EY5F1	X075172	X50B597
		RM5F1	X006446	X49A596
•		RU5F1	X021325	X26A225
		RY5F1	X074072	X095902
		UM5F1	X007719	X27A157
		UW5F1	X03C215	X38A488
		UY5F1	X157651	X157651

	DM5F1	X49C353	X48C851
	DW5F1	X01D794	X51C893
	EM5F1	X028186	X37C144
2011	EY5F1	X01E409	X108776
2011	RM5F1	X030143	X030996
	RY5F1	X106990	X51C036
	UM5F1	X017166	X43C104
	UW5F1	X03C586	X49D231

Note: (1) Although all of the potentially involved vehicles are within the above VIN range, not all of the vehicles in this range actually contain the accessory LT tires at issue.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:

GST estimates that about 1,489 vehicles on which accessory Light Truck (LT) tires were installed at the Vehicle Processing Center operated by GST prior to first sale are included in this population.

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Experience Non-Compliance:

100% of the vehicles on which accessory LT tires were installed prior to first sale.

5. Description of Non-Compliance:

FMVSS 138 S4.2(a) requires that the tire pressure monitoring system must illuminate a low tire pressure warning telltale not more than 20 minutes after the inflation pressure in one or more of the vehicle's tires, up to a total of four tires, is equal to or less than either the pressure 25 percent below the vehicle manufacturer's recommended cold inflation pressure, or the pressure specified in the 3rd column of Table 1 of this standard for the corresponding type of tire, whichever is higher.

The vehicle models noted above left the assembly plants with tire pressure monitoring systems calibrated properly to meet FMVSS 138 S4.2(a) requirements with the wheels and P-metric tires installed at the plants. In the affected vehicles, accessory LT tires (Load range D or E) were installed by GST at its Vehicle Processing Center prior to distribution to dealers and prior to first sale. When the tires were changed, the tire pressure monitoring systems of the affected vehicles were not re-calibrated correctly, and, therefore, do not start illuminating the low tire pressure warning telltale at the required minimum activation pressure specified in Table 1.

6. Test Results and Other Information:

When the accessory LT tires were being sourced for application on the subject vehicles, it was not recognized that there would be an effect on the compliance of the tire pressure monitoring system. When GST became aware of the potential issue, an investigation was undertaken. As a result of the investigation, it was determined on March 14, 2011 that the use of the load range D and E LT tires resulted in a non-compliance with FMVSS 138 S4.2(a).

7. <u>Description of Corrective Repair Action:</u>

All known owners of the affected vehicles on which the accessory LT tires were installed prior to first sale will be notified by first class mail to return their vehicles to a Toyota dealer in order to reinitialize the tire pressure monitoring system in accordance with the regulation. At the same time, the cold tire inflation pressure will be revised and the tire placard required by FMVSS 110 will be changed to specify the revised cold tire inflation pressure. For affected FJ Cruiser vehicles, the accessory LT tires will also be replaced with P-metric tires.

8. Reimbursement Plan for Pre-Notification Remedies:

As the owner notification letters will be mailed out well within the active period of the Toyota New Vehicle Limited Warranty ("Warranty"), all affected vehicle owners for this recall would have been provided a repair at no cost under the Toyota Warranty.

9. Recall Schedule:

Owner notification for affected vehicles will begin in early April 2011.

10. Dealer Notification Schedule:

Dealers will be notified by the close of business Wednesday March 17, 2011 (CST) and a list of the affected VIN's will be hard copy mailed to each dealer by close of business Friday March 18, 2011.