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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20590

AMENDMENT TO 573 REPORT SUBMITTED MAY 20, 2011, REFERENCE RECALL #11V-293

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations - Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Collins Bus Corporation is submitting information relating to a safety recall we are conducting. Specific information is as follows:

573.6(c)(1) Vehicle manufacturer:

Collins Bus Corporation, a division of Collins Industries, Inc.
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573.6(c)(2) Vehicle models involved in the recall:

The population includes Collins Bus Corporation (CBC) Bantam, Super Bantam, and Grand Bantam buses built on Ford and Chevrolet Cutaway chassis between April 1, 2009 and May 27, 2011

573.6(c)(3) The total number of vehicles involved in this recall:

The number of vehicles involved in this potential recall is 702. The reason the quantity of vehicles has changed in this Amendment is that further testing on the seat padding used prior to April 1, of 2009 was performed and found that it would pass the subject FMVSS 222 Leg Protection Zone impact criteria when the seat is fitted with the child anchorage system lower anchorages. In April 1, 2009 Collins revised the seat padding to reduce the thickness of the padding. The majority of these vehicles are in the possession of end users. Some are in possession of Collins distributors awaiting delivery to end-users.

573.6(c)(4) The approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles to contain the defect:

Of the vehicles determined to be involved in the recall 100% of them should contain the defect.

573.6(c)(5) Description of the defect:

The FMVSS 222 Leg Protection Zone impact criteria is not met on some seats. If a seat is equipped with child anchorage system lower anchorages then the area adjacent to these anchorages does not meet the aforementioned impact criteria.

573.6(c)(6) Summary of all the events that were the basis for determining the defect:

On March 29, 2011 Collins Bus Corp (CBC) received an email from Transport Canada stating that they had performed CMVSS 222 testing on a CBC bus and results indicated that some of the impact points on the rear of the seat failed to meet the CMVSS 222 Leg Protection Zone impact criteria. CBC reviewed the limited data received at that point from Transport Canada. CBC requested from Transport Canada on March 30, the actual

test curves and data between the impact test locations that failed and those locations that did pass the impact criteria in order to better determine the reason for the failed test. CBC received this information on April 18, 2011.

Though the failure was found doing CMVSS 222 testing, the same criteria are used for FMVSS 222, hence it was decided by Collins Bus Corp that a report complying with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations - Defect and Noncompliance Reports be submitted to NHTSA for their information and Collins Bus action. CBC has determined the cause of the failure and has developed a fix for this issue as well as a field-fix for buses which will be contained within the recall population.

Collins Bus Corporation will monitor the recall and sample customer and distributor letters prior to their release, CBC will also file the quarterly status reports.

573.6(c)(8)(i) The defect will be corrected as follows:

Install additional foam padding under the upholstery to allow the seat to comply with the FMVSS 222 impact criteria.

573.6(c)(8)(ii) Correspondence to notify Collins Bus Corporation distributors and Customers of the safety recall:

Mailing of Customer and Distributor notification letters will be mail out week of July 5 2011.

573.6(c)(11)

Collins Bus Corporation will use the campaign identification number assigned by NHTSA, #11V-293.

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