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**VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

11V-489
(2 Pages)

Mr. Claude Harris
Acting - Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Airstream
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr.Harris:

Airstream has decided that certain Airstream brand travel trailers fail to comply with the requirements of 49CFR part 567, "Certification" and 49 CFR part 571.110 in the United States.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product model manufactured by Airstream.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
16' International	2011-2012

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 18.
These vehicles were manufactured between May 10, 2010 and September 27, 2011.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with the incorrect information on the Federal Identification Tag and Tire and Loading Information Label. The labels list the wrong tire size. The size should be ST225/75R15D and was listed as ST225/75R14C. During replacement of the tires, a consumer could install the incorrect tire potentially leading to property damage.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. The non-compliance was discovered as a result of a dealer notification. The dealer notified Airstream on September 22, 2011 of the issue when they had a customer's vehicle come in for repair. Upon further investigation at the manufacturing facility, it was discovered the incorrect tire information was placed in the master file for that model. A review of the information stored on file for each vehicle led to the determination of the beginning and ending production range.

- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to send new Federal Identification Tag and Tire and Loading Information Labels to the owners to place over the current labels on their trailers. This will be done at no charge to the vehicle owner.
- E. Owner Notifications. Airstream will begin notifying owners immediately pending NHTSA approval. An owner's letter is attached for approval.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Airstream will be filing quarterly reports in connection with this recall campaign.
- G. Campaign Number. Airstream does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Airstream will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Airstream with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Airstream in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact David Mihalick at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363. or Terry Coleman, Airstream, at 937-538-1268.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager