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Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
Room W48-302
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Madam:

We are transmitting the enclosed Noncompliance Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. Nissan plans to petition the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for a determination that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. The petition will be mailed to the Administrator within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Very truly,

John Gibbons Senior Manager,

**Technical Compliance** 

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### **NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT**

### 1. <u>Manufacturer:</u>

Nissan North America, Inc.

## 2. <u>Vehicles Potentially Involved:</u>

2012 Model Year Nissan Titan and Armada vehicles manufactured at the Canton, Mississippi plant from August 12, 2011 (Start of Production) to March 13, 2012. Vehicles manufactured before and after these dates are not affected because the certification label contains the specified information.

# 3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 11,365 Armada and 15,261 Titan vehicles (Approximately 26,626 vehicles total)

## 4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Noncompliance:

Approximately 98%

## 5. <u>Description of the Noncompliance:</u>

The vehicles fail to comply with S4.3.3 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 110. Specifically, the Part 567 Certification label does not specify the rim size.

The label also does not specify the tire size and tire pressure, but this information is specified on the separate Tire and Loading Information placard in accordance with S4.3(c) and (d) of FMVSS No. 110. This placard is affixed adjacent to the Part 567 Certification label. Failure to show [or "specify"] the tire size and tire pressure on the Part 567 Certification label is not a noncompliance.

# 6. Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance

On March 13, 2012, during an audit check activity, Nissan found that the Part 567 Certification Label on a subject vehicle did not contain rim size information, as well as tire size and tire pressure information.

March 13 to March 26 - Nissan initiated an investigation of the issue, which included a yard inspection at the Canton, Mississippi plant and a dealer inventory inspection, as well as a review of the applicable legal requirements.

March 27, 2012 – Based on the results of the plant and dealer inspections, Nissan determined that vehicles outside of its control contained a Part 567 Certification label that did not meet the applicable requirements of FMVSS No. 110 and decided that a noncompliance existed.

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

Nissan plans to petition the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for a determination that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. The petition will be mailed to the Administrator within 30 days of the date of this letter.

# 8. Copy of Notices:

Copies of all notices will be provided to NHTSA as they become available.