



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 8, 2016

Mr. Frank Moritz
Moritz International, Inc
665 N. Main Street
Mansfield, OH 44902

NEF-150MR
16V-491

Subject: Axles may Detach from Trailer

Dear Mr. Moritz:

This letter serves to acknowledge Moritz International, Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MORITZ/CR/2015-2016
MORITZ/DLH/2015-2016
MORITZ/FH/2015-2016
MORITZ/FH+10/2015-2016
MORITZ/SR/2015-2016
MORITZ/UDC/2015-2016
MORITZ/ULC/2015-2016
MORITZ/ULH/2015-2016
MORITZ/ULH+6/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: June 28, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-491

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,250

Problem Description:

Moritz International, Inc. (Moritz) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 CR-series, SR-series, DLH-series, FH-series, UDC-series, FH+10-series, ULH-series, ULH+6-series, and ULC-series trailers manufactured March 6, 2015, to June 19, 2016. The affected trailers have axles whose mounting brackets may not have been properly tightened. As a result, the axles may detach from the trailer.

Consequence:

If an axle loosens or detaches, there would be an increased risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Moritz will notify owners, and dealers will properly tighten the axles, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in mid-July 2016. Owners may contact Moritz Customer Service Department at 1-419-526-5222.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Moritz's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement