

**2016-2017 MY Sorento and 2017 MY Sportage Trailer Hitch Wiring Harness Chronology
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

April 19, 2016	Kia Motors America (KMA) receives technical assistance request from dealer re 2016MY Sorento with continuous illumination of trailer's left tail lamp. KMA informs Mobis Parts America (MPA).
May 4, 2016	KMA receives subject part and provides it to MPA.
May 20, 2016	MPA refers issue to its supplier, CURT Manufacturing (CURT). MPA advises KMA that it is investigating.
May 23-July 30, 2016	MPA and CURT conduct joint inspection of MPA inventory at various warehouse locations and conclude voltage leak identified in less than 5%.
July 26, 2016	KMA requests return of tow hitch harnesses in dealer inventory for further investigation.
August 1-September 6, 2016	Suppliers continue evaluation of field and inventory parts.
September 9, 2016	KMA stops installation of subject parts at its ports for Sorento as a precautionary measure.
September 16, 2016	KMA advised by MPA that CURT determined voltage leak is potentially due to use of faulty modules provided by sub-supplier and ceases production. Further investigation required.
September 23, 2016	KMA stops installation of subject parts at its ports for Sportage as a precautionary measure.
October 18, 2016	KMA advised by MPA that evaluation continues and requires manufacturing process audit of CURT's operations in Philippines.
November 15, 2016	KMA and MPA meet to address outstanding issues. KMA makes decision to conduct noncompliance recall.