



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

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NEF-150SS  
18E-039

**Subject:** Helmet may not Protect from Impact/FMVSS 218

Dear Ms. MCAusland:

This letter serves to acknowledge Darsan Trading Co. '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:**

HCI/15 GLOSS BLACK HELMET/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 8, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18E-039

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:MOTORCYCLE:HELMETS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 180

**Problem Description:**

Darsan Trading Co. (Darsan) is recalling certain HCI Gloss Black Open Face helmets, model number 15, in size large. These helmets may not adequately protect the wearer in the event of a head impact during a motorcycle crash. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 218, "Motorcycle Helmets."

**Consequence:**

A helmet that does not adequately protect the wearer from an impact can increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Darsan has notified owners, and will provide replacement helmets or give the consumer a credit for a replacement helmet, free of charge. The recall began on June 1, 2018. Owners may contact Helmet City customer service at 1-888-550-3731.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on June 1, 2018, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Please provide a copy of the letter that you sent. Should it become necessary for Darsan to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

Please amend your filing to provide the reasoning as to why only helmets produced in May 2016 and only size large and only in gloss black are being recalled.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

The information in your report suggests that Darsan may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation. As required in Part 573.6(c)(7), in the case of a noncompliance, please provide the test results and other information used to determine the existence of the noncompliance. Include the date of each test and observation that indicated that a noncompliance might or did exist. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the manufacturer name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the affected helmets.

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 Sarah Shiver who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-7401, or by email at sarah.shiver@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