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

January 31, 2018

Mr. J. Michael Harris Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc. 2015 Center Square Road Logan Township, NJ 08085

Subject: Fire Extinguisher May Be Clogged or Inoperable

Dear Mr. Harris:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, 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:

MITSUBISHI FUSO/FE84D/2004-2017 MITSUBISHI FUSO/FE85D/2004-2017 MITSUBISHI FUSO/FEC52/2004-2017 MITSUBISHI FUSO/FEC92/2004-2017 MITSUBISHI FUSO/FGB72/2004-2017 MITSUBISHI FUSO/FK61F/2004-2017 MITSUBISHI FUSO/FM657/2004-2017

Mfr's Report Date: January 11, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-047

**Components:** EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,153

## **Problem Description:**

Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc. (MFTA) is recalling certain 2004-2017 FE84D, FE85D, FEC52, FEC72, FEC92, FGB72, FK61F and FM657 trucks. These trucks are equipped with Kidde Plastic-Handle or Push Button 'Pindicator' Fire Extinguishers that may become clogged, preventing the extinguisher from discharging as expected or requiring excessive force to activate the extinguisher. Additionally, in certain models, the nozzle may detach from the valve assembly with enough force that it could cause injury and also render the product inoperable. For a full list of the affected fire extinguisher models visit: https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rcl/2017/RMISC-17E062-5427.pdf

## **Consequence:**

In the event of a fire, if the fire extinguisher does not function properly, it can increase the risk of injury.

# **Remedy:**

MFTA will notify owners, instructing them to contact Kidde for a replacement fire extinguisher, free of charge. The recall will begin



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in February 2018. Owners may contact MFTA customer service at 1-877-711-0707, or Kidde customer service toll-free at 1-855-262-3540, or online at www.kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information. MFTA's number for this recall is MFV00001.

# 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.

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

