

U.S. Department of Transportation

## National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

April 4, 2018

Mr. Bill Gallagher LGS Industries Inc 11550 Harter Dr Middlebury, IN 46540 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150MR 18V-201

Subject: Axle Spindle Weld Failure

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

This letter serves to acknowledge LGS Industries 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:

CARGO EXPRESS/CARGO TRAILER/2018 LOOK/CARGO TRAILER/2018 PACE/CARGO TRAILER/2018

Mfr's Report Date: March 28, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-201

### **Components:**

SUSPENSION: REAR: AXLE: NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 132

#### **Problem Description:**

LGS Industries Inc (LGS) is recalling certain 2018 Look, Pace, and Cargo Express cargo trailers. The spindle weld on the axle may fail, causing separation of the spindle and pipe.

#### **Consequence:**

If the spindle weld fails causing separation of the spindle and pipe, it can lead to loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

#### Remedy

LGS will notify owners, and dealers will replace the axle assemblies, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in April 2018. Owners may contact LGS customer service at 1-877-475-5665.

# 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:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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

