



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

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NEF-150SS  
19E-048

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

Dear Ms. M Causland:

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/100/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 23, 2019

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 19E-048

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:MOTORCYCLE:HELMETS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 450

**Problem Description:**

Darsan Trading Co. (Darsan), dba as Helmet City, is recalling certain HCI 100 matt black motorcycle helmets in size XL. These helmets may not adequately protect the wearer in the event of a head impact during a motorcycle crash. Additionally, the helmets do not list the month and year of manufacturer. 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:**

HCI will notify owners, and will provide replacement helmets or give the consumer a credit for a replacement helmet, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in August 2019. 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).

Your Defect Information report limits the recall to only the helmets made in one specific month, however, one of the reasons that the helmets are being recalled is that their labels do not include a month and year of production. Therefore, any matt black HCI 100 motorcycle helmet in size XL needs to be included in the recall scope. Please amend your filing's population as necessary.

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- A description of the basis for your company's determination of the recall population, specifically why are helmets of only one size being recalled and why only 1 month of production. Provide a description of how the products to be recalled differ from similar products that are not included in the recall (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)).
- The percentage of products estimated to contain the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(4)).
- A description of the defect or noncompliance, including both a brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location (if applicable) of the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)).
- In the case of a noncompliance, the test results and other information that your company considered in determining the existence of the noncompliance. Your company shall identify the date of each test and observation that indicated that a noncompliance might or did exist (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(7)).

Please provide the manufacturer's name of the helmets.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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.

We have received HCI'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.

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).

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](mailto:sarah.shiver@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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