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Lode-King Industries Distinction AHV Aluminum Hopper Trailer Dealers

TO: All Lode-King Dealers

SUBJECT: Notice of Defect and Recall Campaign # 2018-595

This letter is your notification that Lode-King Industries has launched a formal Transport Canada Recall Campaign # 2018-595 to address a potential defect found in the Grab Handles installed on the rear corner posts of the Distinction AHV28-3L Lead trailer. We are requesting your full cooperation and support of this campaign so we may collectively avoid any potential safety problem related to this issue.

All of the vehicles affected by this recall are semi-trailers manufactured by Lode King during the period from 13 October, 2017 through 26 October, 2018, in our 2018 and 2019 model years. These hopper bottom trailers are identified by our model designation: AHV28-3L Lead. A complete listing of the affected trailers that you have sold will be provided separately.

The defect involves the installation of a grab handle on the rear corner post of the Lead trailer in a set of B-trains. The handle is provided to assist an operator in safely climbing up onto the bridge of the train. The affected trailers employed a rivet with an aluminum body to secure this handle. These rivets have proven to be of insufficient strength for this application. Photographs are included with this letter below, to illustrate the issue.

We believe there is relatively low risk to public safety if these rivets fail in service. This handle may only be used when the operator is stopped and is attempting to climb up onto the bridge of the B-train. If the rivets give way, the handle may come free and cause the operator to fall backward off the steps, which provide access to this area. Lode King believes the prudent course of action is to immediately recall all of the affected trailers and replace these rivets with new stronger stainless steel rivets.

We will be contacting end user customers by registered letter to advise of this recall and provide them with a course of action to address this issue. We are requesting your assistance to locate all of the affected trailers and get names and addresses of these owners, where we do not already have this information.

Our point of contact for this recall will be our Customer Relations Manager, Mr. Randall Siemens. You may contact him at our usual phone number (204) 325-4345 or by e-mail at rsiemens@lodeking.com for assistance.

We thank you in advance for your assistance in completing this recall campaign.

Sincerely,
Lode King Industries



