

West Coast Trailer Inc.

**3920 Cougar Canyon Road
Hemet, CA. 92545**

**To: National Highway
Traffic Safety Admin.
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590**

Attn: Alex Ansley

Dear Alex,

I am in receipt of the two letters you have sent me in regard to the recall situation with Dometic Corporation.

West Coast Trailers makes about 100 custom build trailers per year. We found out about the problem in regard to the Refrigerators back when Thetford corporation had the same problem. In short, West Coast Trailers is aware of the problem and has already addressed it with its dealer network. West Coast Trailers only supplies trailers to dealers, so we are able to talk with the dealers whom are also aware of the situation and are able to repair the problem by ordering a replacement kit or repair kit from Dometic Corporation. In some cases, replacing the entire refer. The dealers are able to send out recall notices to their customers. Some customers are reluctant to come in or are difficult to find. Some of our dealers have gone Bankrupt due to current economical conditions. We have decided that we will put a link of information about the problem on our website to reach other people that we cannot reach. Some Trailers are bank repo's or are in Auction in which finding the end customer may become difficult. However, we at WCT do not feel that this should release Dometic Corporation from liability. We suggest that Dometic advertise the problem or submit it to the public more aggressively so it may be more widely known and understood.

The quantity of defective refer units used by WCT according to Dometic is a low number of about 40 such Refers in total over a 2 year period. Not all Trailers built by WCT use Refers or may use other brand Refers or other smaller non-affected models. WCT is a entry level manufacturer of trailers. It should also be noted that WCT is currently closed due to low sales which is the reason for my delay in getting back with you in regard to this situation. We have moved the office to the above address. Please update your files accordingly for future correspondences. If I could be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me directly.

**Sincerely,
Tim Boylen, President WCT Inc.**



951-315-1628



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SEP 30 2008

West Coast Trailers Mfg
17 Commercial Ave
Riverside CA, 92507

NVS-215AA
EQ08-010
08E-032

Attn: President/Chief Counsel

Dear Sir or Madam,

On July 7, 2008, we wrote to your company as part of an ongoing investigation being conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about a safety issue involving two-door refrigerators that were manufactured by Dometic Corporation (Dometic) and which, according to Dometic's records, were sold to your company to be installed in new or used motor vehicles. Your company's response to that letter was due to NHTSA within 10 days of receipt. At this time, we have not received your response.

This letter is being sent to you to remind you that you must respond to the earlier letter and that your company may have additional obligations under Federal law as we explained in the earlier letter.

A written response to our earlier letter must be submitted to this office within 7 days of your receipt of this letter. Should you need an electronic copy of our earlier letter, please e-mail Alex Ansley at alexander.ansley@dot.gov and a copy can be e-mailed to you. Response submission may be made by US Mail to the address listed therein, fax to (202) 366-7882, or e-mail rmd.odi@dot.gov. If you are unable to reply by that time, you may request an extension by calling me at (202) 366-5210.

If your company claims that any of the information or documents provided in response to this information request constitute confidential commercial material within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), or are protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1905, Your company must submit supporting information together with the materials that are the subject of the confidentiality request, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 512, as amended (69 Fed. Reg. 21409 et seq; April 21, 2004), to the Office of Chief Counsel (NCC-111), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room W41-227, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590. Your company is required to submit two copies of the documents containing allegedly confidential information (except only one copy of blueprints) and one copy of the documents from which information claimed to be confidential has been deleted. Please remember that the word "CONFIDENTIAL" must appear at the top of each page containing information claimed to be confidential, and the information must be clearly identified in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 512.6.



This letter is being sent to your company pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49. It constitutes a new request for information. Your company's failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject your company to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165 or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30163. A person that violates 49 U.S.C. § 30166 could be liable to the United States Government for a maximum penalty of \$6,000 per violation per day. The maximum penalty for a related series of daily violations is \$16,375,000.

I urge you to comply with this information request in order to ensure that these important issues relating to motor vehicle safety are promptly addressed.

Should you have any questions regarding this inquiry, please contact Alex Ansley of my staff at (202) 493-0481 or by e-mail at alexander.ansley@dot.gov.

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Chief, Recall Management Division

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