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**Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.**

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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT**

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

The following information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.5 as it applies to a noncompliance to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 121 S5.1.6.3 Antilock power circuit for towed vehicles.

573.5(c)(1)  
Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.  
P.O. Box 26115  
Greensboro, NC 27402-6115

573.5(c)(2)  
Volvo, WAH model, heavy duty class 8 vehicles assembled by Volvo Trucks North America, Inc., between March 17, 1999 and August 13, 1999.

The vehicles affected by this notification were selected by using the serial numbers of the affected vehicles.

573.5(c)(3)  
Fifty-nine (59) vehicles potentially contain the noncompliance.

573.5(c)(4)  
Percentage of vehicles expected to contain the noncompliance is 100%.

573.5(c)(5)  
The subject vehicles are in noncompliance to FMVSS 121, S5.1.6.3 Antilock power circuit for towed vehicles.

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573.5(c)(6)  
Not applicable

573.5(c)(7)  
FMVSS 121, S5.1.6.3 Antilock power circuit for towed vehicles requires that the vehicle be equipped with one or more electrical circuits that provide continuous power to the antilock system on the towed vehicle or vehicles whenever the ignition (start) switch is in the "on" ("run") position.

The trailer cable receptacle at the back of the cab of the subject vehicles does not contain a circuit for continuous power for the trailer ABS system.

Volvo Trucks North America, on October 5, 1999, decided that the subject vehicles were in noncompliance to FMVSS 121, S5.1.6.3.

573.5(c)(8)  
Volvo Trucks North America, Inc. will initiate a voluntary owner notification, and recall of all 59 vehicles.

The recall remedy will consist of installing the electrical circuit required to activate the center pin of the trailer cable circuit.

The number, which has been assigned to this recall by Volvo Trucks North America, Inc., is RVXX9906.

The recall is tentatively scheduled to commence within 25 working days of this notification.

Very Truly Yours



Charles D. Powell  
Recall Administrator