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September 5, 2013

Jennifer Timian  
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RE: EQ 13-006,

Dear Ms. Timian,

Please find following our Part 573 Report as related to EQ-006, a voluntary recall of Fastec Industrial of travel trailer locks. Homesteader, Inc. is a manufacturer of Enclosed Cargo trailers and Horse Trailers. We do not manufacture Recreational Vehicles and/or Horse trailers with living quarters. We have already been working with Fastec preparing for notifications. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

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Sincerely,

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Part 573 Report

Date: September 5, 2013

This report serves as notification by **Homesteader, Inc.** to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA”) that a motor vehicle safety-related issue exists in certain travel trailer locks supplied by Fastec Industrial Corp., a division of WESCO Distribution, Inc., for installation in the doors of Cargo Trailers. **Homesteader, Inc.** does not build recreational vehicles (RVs) or Horse trailers with living quarters. Additional information concerning the recalled locks can be found in Fastec’s Part 573 Report that was separately filed on July 11, 2013 with an assigned **NHTSA Recall #13E039**.

**I. Manufacturer, Designated Agent, and Other Chain of Distribution Information**

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South of Yongning Industrial Avenue  
Xiaolan Town, Zhongshan, Guangdong  
People's Republic of China

**II. Identification of the Recall Population and Its Size**

Type of Equipment:

The product consists of certain travel trailer locks with a keyed paddle handle and deadbolt (the "locks") installed in the doors of Cargo Trailers. Only FIC locks that have an integrated deadbolt are affected by this recall. The Trailers potentially affected by the recall are as follows:

Brand: All Homesteader Enclosed Cargo Trailers and Horse Trailers equipped with optional flushlock

Model Nos: All Enclosed Models and Horse Trailers

Model years: January 2006 – April 2010.

Body Style/Type: Enclosed Cargo Trailers and Horse trailers

Total Product Sold:

**Homesteader, Inc.** sold a total of 4,360 cargo trailers with an FIC deadbolt lock between January 1, 2006 and April, 2010. This total includes locks with any key code, not just the subset of 20 key codes that may be affected by the recall.

Current Inventory Estimates:

**Homesteader, Inc. has no cargo trailers in its inventory with any potentially affected locks.**

Percentage of Recall Population Estimated to be Affected:

**Homesteader, Inc.** believes that some unknown subset of cargo trailers with an FIC deadbolt lock sold between January 2006 and April 2010 may potentially be affected.

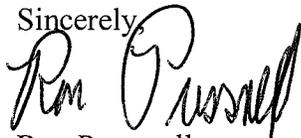
**III. Description of Issue and Type of Hazard**

In or about June/July 2013, Fastec notified **Homesteader, Inc.** that Fastec intended to initiate a recall of the potentially affected locks due to a potential jamming issue with the deadbolt cylinder. If a lock is affected, the key may be able to be removed from the locked door when the key in the deadbolt cylinder is in the horizontal 9 o'clock position, potentially jamming the deadbolt and potentially causing the red lever on the interior side of the lock to become inoperable. In that event, a person inside the cargo trailer may not be able to unlock and open the main side door.

**IV. The Remedy Program and Its Schedule**

Upon approval of the proposed recall and the recall announcement, **Homesteader, Inc.** will work with Fastec to notify consumers of the recall. **Homesteader, Inc.** estimates that it will issue consumer notifications in the fourth quarter of 2013. **Homesteader, Inc.** will coordinate the recall efforts with Fastec and will refer consumers to Fastec for free replacement of the cylinders in any affected locksets as described more fully in Fastec's Part 573 Report.

Sincerely,



Ron Pressnell

Vice President of Operations

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