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Chief Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W46-421
Washington, DC 20590

**Regarding: 2011 Model Year Yamaha XC50 A (Vino Classic) model scooters
Brake Shoe Factory Modification Campaign**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide preliminary information required by 49 CFR 573 and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act regarding a defect notification campaign we are initiating. Attached are draft copies of the Owner's notification letter, for Agency review and approval, and the dealer technical bulletin. The envelope format has previously been approved by the Agency for prior campaigns.

1. Manufacturers Name: Yamaha Motor Taiwan Co., Ltd.
No.3, Sec. 2, Zhonghua Rd.
Chungli City, Taiwan

Imported Vehicle Distributor: Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.
6555 Katella Avenue
Cypress, California 90630
2. Vehicles Affected: Make: Yamaha
 Model: 2011 Model Year XC50A (Vino Classic)
 Scooter

 Nominal Engine Displacement: XC50A is 50cc

 Production Period: 04/2011 – 08/2011
3. The campaign relates to the Scooters front and rear brake shoes.
4. Total number of subject vehicles: Current estimate: 320 units. This will be updated in a supplemental report as we finalize the affected VIN range.
5. VIN Range: See tentative range in draft Technical Bulletin attached. Likewise this will be updated in a subsequent report as data is confirmed.

6. The campaign involves the replacement of the front and rear brake shoes. In affected Scooters, due to improper adhesion of the brake shoe lining, the lining may separate from the rake shoe. If this happens, the brake performance becomes reduced which could result in the possibility of a crash with injury or death. Please refer to the draft Technical Bulletin which will be furnished to the Agency and Yamaha dealers upon completion describing the situation which is the subject of the campaign.
7. On September 1, 2013, Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. was informed by the manufacturer, Yamaha Motor Taiwan Co., Ltd., that such a situation exists. This was determined pursuant to a quality control review, testing and a review of foreign models that use a substantially similarly part design.

We anticipate commencing dealer/owner notification shortly after the owner's notification letter is approved by NHTSA, the affected VIN range is ascertained and the Technical Bulletin service procedure is confirmed by Yamaha service staff. Assuming the Agency can approve the letter within 5 days of receipt (perhaps September 16) we will have the letter and Technical Bulletin printed. Normal turn-around time is 3 working days for such printing. Hence the materials will be ready for mailing approximately September 23rd. Final copies of these notification documents will be forwarded to the Agency as soon as possible.

In the event we can answer any questions or provide supplemental information, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct telephone number is 714-761-7842. The fax number is 714-229-7944. My email is brad_franklin@yamaha-motor.com.

Sincerely,

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