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Associate Administrator for Enforcement

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Attention: Recall Management Division

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE

Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Dear Sir or Madame,

Forest River, Inc. has decided that the information given on the tire label is noncompliant and is in error and wishes to clarify the noncompliance.

There is a noncompliance on the Federal Certification Label and Tire Information Tag placed on Viking Epic 1706LS, Epic 1906, Epic 1906ST, Epic 2107, Epic CCWS8, Epic CCWS10 and Coachmen Sport 806LS, Sport 106, Sport 106ST, Sport 107 build between 1/16/2014 ending 5/28/14 and this is notification of said noncompliance to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance.

Forest River, Inc.

Viking RV

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Regards,

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Viking RV

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VIKING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
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Identify the Vehicles involved in the recall;

Makes: Viking and Coachmen trailers.

Model Numbers: Viking EPIC1706LS Coachmen SPORT806LS

Production dates: Beginning: 01/16/2014 ending 05/28/2014 on certain models as indicated above.

Vehicle Type: Viking and Coachmen are recreational trailers.

Body Style: Camping Trailer.

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicle from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

They are specific model numbers as mentioned above that used a specific tire size.

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. 100%.

Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

There is a potential of 57 units

Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

Less than 2% of the units produced within this time frame.

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined:

Units are categorized in our Corporate Computer System by model. All invoicing to dealers, VIN numbers, serial numbers and warranty retail information can be cross referenced to these models. It is a simple matter of requesting all information for a specific model number; this is processed as a spread sheet with all the pertinent information.

Describe the defect and noncompliance.

The tire size and air pressure information on the models Federal Certification Tag and Tire Information Tag were incorrectly stated as 4.80 X 12C tires at 90 PSI tire pressure. The tires pressure should be 60 PSI.

Describe the consequences of the defect or noncompliance:

The tire pressure on the label is in excess of the tire pressure indicated on the sidewall of the tire. If the tire is inflated to the tire pressure on the label this may cause an over

inflation condition and possible tire failure under certain conditions, and may result in property damage and possibly personal injury.

Identify any warning that can precede or occur:

The tire may experience uneven tread wear and possible blow out.

With respect to a defect a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that are the basis for the determination of the defect:

A random unit was sent to our Corporate Quality Control Department by VRV manufacturing for a routine quality audit and the Corporate QC Department identified that the tire pressure on the Federal Certification Label and Tire Information Tag did not match the information that was printed on the sidewall of the tires on approximately 05/29/2014. We then ran a database search of all weigh records for the corporation specifically for the 4:80 X 12/C tire and 90PSI tire pressure to produce the listing of the VIN numbers of the units with incorrect tire pressure on the labels. We do not have any warranty or service calls on this issue.

Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance:

The information has been corrected in the corporate computer system, all affected units will be issued a corrected Federal Certification Label and Tire Information Tag

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly verses the recalled component/assembly.

There will be no difference between the remedy and the recall Federal Certification labels or Tire Information Tag with the exception of the tire pressure correction.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production.

The units in production and staged for shipment have had corrected labels printed and applied in place of the incorrect ones in early June of 2014.

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers and purchasers.

Corrected labels will be printed and sent to the dealer or retail customer of record for installation on the unit upon receipt of a recall number from NHTSA, the required documents for this recall will be processed immediately.

Regards,

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Warranty Manager

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