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October 1, 2009

Associate Administrator for Enforcement NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION Attn: Early Warning Division (NVW-217) 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: Foreign Recall Report

Dear Associate Administrator:

On September 24, 2009, Guangqi Honda Automobile Co., Ltd., decided to conduct a safety recall of certain 2009 Accord vehicles in China. The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 579.12.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of Manufacturer:

Guangqi Honda Automobile Co., Ltd.

Manufacturer's Agent:

William R. Willen

American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)

1919 Torrance Blvd. Torrance, CA 90501-2746

573.6(c)(2)
Identification of Potentially Affected Vehicles:

Make/Model

Description

Dates of Manufacture

Honda Accord

Certain 2009 model

April 8, 2009 - June 8, 2009

year vehicles

Description of the Basis for the Determination of the Recall Population:

The recall population was based on manufacturing records.

573.6(c)(3)

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:

9,464*

*712 vehicles are included due to installation of affected service parts between March 24, 2009 – August 20, 2009

573.6(c)(5)

Defect Description:

In certain vehicles, the passenger airbag was not manufactured properly. The passenger airbag may tear at the seams during deployment reducing occupant protection in the event of a crash.

579.12(a)

Campaign Being Conducted in:

China

Safety Recall or Other Safety Campaign:

Safety Recall

Determination Made by:

Honda

Date of Determination:

September 24, 2009

Date Recall will Commence:

September 29, 2009

Manufacturer's Program for Remedying the Noncompliance:

Dealers will replace the passenger airbag. All work will be performed free of charge.

 $\mbox{U.S.}$ Motor Vehicles Identical or Similar to Vehicles Covered by this Foreign Recall:

2009 Honda Accord

Reason U.S. Vehicles Not Affected

The U.S. version of the 2009 Honda Accord is manufactured at a different factory.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

William R. Willen

ON BEHALF OF BILL WILLEN

Managing Counsel

Product Regulatory Office

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