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Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator:

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RE: Reporting Requirements for VIN

This correspondence is as required by FSS to inform you of the VIN characters to be used to systematically identify the trailers to be built by Bellue's Welding.

The first three characters, designated as Section One, 1 B 9 were assigned by World Manufacturer Identifiers. These characters indicate that 1 - the trailers shall be built in the United States, B - that Bellue's Welding, 3120 Scenic Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70805, shall build the trailers, and that 9 - less than five hundred trailers shall be built annually. See attached copy of letter from WMI coordinator, Debbie Bisch.

The Second Section shall consist of five characters. The first character in the Second Section shall indicate the type trailer to be built. Equipment trailer = E, Utility trailer = U, Stock trailer = S, Recreational trailer = R, and Catering trailer = C.

The second character, Section Two shall indicate the series trailer to be built. Trailers having railings and fenders shall have a series character of 1. Trailers having no railings and fenders shall have a series character of 2.

The third and fourth character of Section Two shall indicate the length of the trailer to be built. The character zero (0) shall be used in the third space should the trailer to be built be less than ten feet in length.

The fifth character, Section Two, shall indicate the number of axles to be affixed to the trailer to be built.

The next character shall be a check digit.

Section Three shall consist of eight characters. The first character in the Third Section shall indicate the model year (Use Table II provided by FSS).

The second character, Third Section shall indicate that the trailer is to be built in Baton Rouge, LA and shall be the character "B".

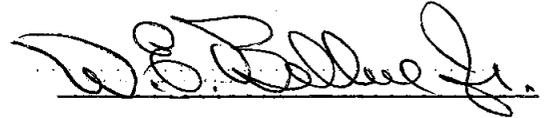
The third, fourth, and fifth characters in Section Three, were assigned by WMI, and indicate that less than five hundred trailers shall be built annually. (See attached copy of letter).

The sixth, seventh, and eighth characters in Section Three shall be used to designate the sequence in which the trailers shall be built, beginning with 001.

Using the tables provided by the FSS, each character in the VIN shall be given a value (table IV) and a weight factor (table V). By multiplying the value by the weight factor a total will be gained. By adding these totals, a sum will be gained. That sum shall be divided by 11, to the second decimal point to obtain a check digit. This check digit shall be affixed in the 9th character position between Section One and Section Two, of the VIN.

I think you will find the the FSS guidelines have been observed, but if you have any further questions or require further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. E. Bellue, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

W. E. Bellue, Jr. , Owner

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June 11, 1984

Mr. Wirt E. Bellue
Bellue's Welding
3120 Scenic Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Dear Mr. Bellue:

This letter confirms our telephone conversation of June 8, 1984 regarding the assignment of a World Manufacturer (Maker) Identifier (WMI) Code. As the agent of the NHTSA for the assignment of manufacturer identifiers pursuant to CFR 49 Part 565.5C Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), we hereby confirm the following code:

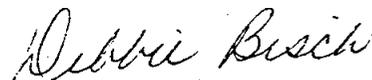
Bellue's Welding
3120 Scenic Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70805
United States

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with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th
characters of the Vehicle
Indicator Section to be
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Reserved/Trailers

Sincerely,



Debbie Bisch
WMI Coordinator

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Enclosure

cc: M. W. Dixon
A. Burgett
B. P. Hickey