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Ken Rutland
VIN Coordinator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 - 7th Street SW, Room 5307, NRN-11
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: 17 Digit Numbering system/Discretionary 5 Digits

Dear Mr. Rutland:

We have added a new letter to our numbering system and wanted to ensure NHTS has our current system on file.

As per my letter dated August 3, 1989; Simplot Financial Corporation manufactures trailers. Pursuant to Federal Safety Standards Form MVSS 115 at S4.5.2 we have adopted a 5 digit numbering system that "uniquely identifies" the attributes of our trailers.

The fourth through eighth digits of the VIN we use on trailers we manufacture are designed as follows:

4th Digit = Type of Trailer
V = Versatile
N = Van
E = End Dump
C = Chassis *

5th Digit = Series
ARGO = 2-Axle Trailer
BAAL = 3-Axle Trailer
CLEO = 1-Axle Trailer

6th and 7th Digits = Trailer Length in Feet.

8th Digit = Number of axles.

* This a new letter we have added to the 4th digit designation.

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It is our understanding this letter is sufficient for NHTSA registration requirements. However, if additional information is needed, please assist by providing the necessary paperwork.

Please note again our filing is under the name Simplot Financial Corporation. Our trailer manufacturing operations were formerly under Simplot Leasing Corporation, which merged into Simplot Financial Corporation on September 30, 1988.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stanley R. Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Stanley R. Johnson
Administration Manager

SRJ:dr

cc: Ron Graves