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May 10, 1993

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Ms. Patricia Gardner
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400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Room 5307H/NRM-11
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Re: Part 565, "Vehicle Identification Number Content Requirements"

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Dear Ms. Gardner:

This serves to memorialize our telephone conversation of this morning wherein we discussed reclassifying an assigned WMI code. I provided the following information.

- Currently there are 10 WMI codes assigned to AutoAlliance International, Inc. (AAI).
- AAI is a 50/50 joint venture between Mazda Motor Corporation and the Ford Motor Company.
- AAI is located in Flat Rock, Michigan and currently manufactures the Mazda 626, the Mazda MX-6, and the Ford Probe for sale in North America.
- Presently, two of the 10 WMI codes assigned to AAI are being used, i.e., the code '1YV' is used to designate Mazda-badged vehicles and the code '1ZV' designates Ford-badged vehicles.
- Sometime in the future, AAI will begin to produce Mazda 626 models for sale exclusively in regions other than North America.
- AAI and Mazda Motor Corporation would like to use the WMI code '1YZ' to designate Mazda 626 models produced for sale outside of North America.
- Consequently, AAI and Mazda Motor Corporation would like to reclassify the WMI code '1YZ' to indicate that it has been assigned to:

Mazda (North America), Inc.

In consideration of the above facts, you agreed to the reclassify of the indicated WMI code as requested. You further indicated that the certification compliance label should be modified as needed as a result of this reclassification.

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Finally, you indicated that you would call SAE's WMI Coordinator, Ms. Sandy Klein, to convey NHTSA's acceptance of this request and you would instruct Ms. Klein to call me to confirm the exact details of our request. Shortly after our telephone conversation, Ms. Klein did indeed call me and confirmed the details of our request and indicated that the reclassification would be made as requested and would be confirmed in a letter to follow at a later date.

In closing, I'd like to thank you for your prompt consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or if anything in this letter causes you any concern, please do not hesitate to contact me on (202) 467-5088.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Strassburger
Manager, Environment & Safety

cc: Mazda Motor Corporation
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