

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

September 28, 2018

Mr. James Rafac Vice President Motor Vehicle Group Sunright International Of America, Inc. 225 Horizon Drive Suwanee, GA 30024

Subject: Helmet Strap may Stretch/FMVSS 218

Dear Mr. Rafac:

This letter serves to acknowledge Sunright International Of America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150SS

18E-089

### Makes/Models/Model Years:

RODIA/RHD 200/9999

Mfr's Report Date: September 11, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-089

**Components:** 

EQUIPMENT:MOTORCYCLE:HELMETS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,302

### **Problem Description:**

Sunright International of America, Inc. (Sunright) is recalling certain Rodia RHD200 and Rodia RHD200V helmets in all sizes manufactured August 1, 2008-July 31, 2018. When load is applied to the helmet such as in the event of a crash, the chin strap may stretch, allowing the helmet to separate from the rider's head. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 205, "Motorcycle Helmets."

# **Consequence:**

If the helmet does not remain secured to the rider's head in the event of a crash, it can increase the risk of injury.

# Remedy:

The remedy for this recall is still under development. The recall is expected to begin October 5, 2018. Owners may contact Sunright customer service at 1-770-682-3035.

### **Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- A description of how the products to be recalled differ from similar products that are not included in the recall (49 CFR 573.6 (c) (2)).
- A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

Please clarify the production dates of the affected helmets. One area states that the helmets were manufactured in 2015 and 2016, another says August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2018.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Shiver who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-7401, or by email at sarah.shiver@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

