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Chief Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE,  
Washington, DC 20590

**Regarding: Certain 2019 model YZFR3G motorcycle Front Brake hose rerouting due to chaffing on horn wire harness, Factory Modification Campaign.**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide preliminary information required by 49 CFR 573 and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act regarding a defect notification campaign we are initiating. Attached are draft copies of the Owner's notification letter, for Agency approval, and the dealer technical bulletin. The envelope format and label has previously been approved by the Agency for prior campaigns.

1. Manufacturers Name: Yamaha Indonesia Motor Manufacturing  
JI. DR. Rajiman Widyodiningrat  
Pulo Gadung, Jakarta 13920. Indonesia

Imported Vehicle Distributor: Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.  
6555 Katella Avenue  
Cypress, California 90630

2. Vehicles Affected: Make: Yamaha  
Model: 2019 Model Year YZFR3 Motorcycles

Nominal Engine Displacement: YZFR3 is 320cc,

Production Period: Affected models were produced between 10/2018 –  
04/2019

3. The campaign addresses the horn lead wire and front brake hose routing. Corrective action is to re-routed horn wire harness lead around (in front of) the front brake hose.

4. Total number of subject vehicles: Current estimate: 1634 units. This will be updated in a supplemental report as we finalize the affected VIN range.

5. VIN Range: Tentative range will be supplied in forthcoming draft Technical Bulletin. Likewise, this will be updated in a subsequent report as data is confirmed.
6. The campaign involves the rerouting of the motorcycles front brake hose and the horn wire harness lead. In affected motorcycles, front brake hose chaffing could occur and cause loss of front. This loss of front brake action may cause loss of control that could result in a crash with injury or death. Please refer to the draft Technical Bulletin which will be furnished to the Agency and Yamaha dealers upon completion describing the situation which is the subject of the campaign.
7. On January 31, 2020, Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. was informed by the manufacturer, Yamaha Indonesia Motor Manufacturing that such a situation exists. This was determined pursuant to a quality control review, testing and a review of foreign models that use a substantially similarly part design.

We anticipate commencing dealer/owner notification shortly after the owner's notification letter is approved by NHTSA (draft copies of the Customer Notification Letter and Technical Bulletin is attached for your review), the affected VIN range is ascertained, and the Technical Bulletin service procedure is confirmed and finalized by Yamaha service staff. Assuming the Agency can approve the letter within 5 days of receipt (perhaps February 17th) we will have the letter and Technical Bulletin printed. Normal turn-around time is 3 working days for such printing. Hence the materials will be ready for mailing approximately February 24rd. Final copies of these notification documents will be forwarded to the Agency as soon as possible.

In the event we can answer any questions or provide supplemental information, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct telephone number is 714-761-7842. The fax number is 714-229-7944. My email is [brad\\_franklin@yamaha-motor.com](mailto:brad_franklin@yamaha-motor.com).

Sincerely,

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