

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

July 6, 2021

Mr. Mark Wilson Director - Product Safety Cummins, Inc. 301 Washington Street Box 3005, Mail Code 91630 Columbus, IN 47202 NEF-107KL 21E-060

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Excessive Ammonia in Tailpipe Exhaust

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This letter serves to acknowledge Cummins, 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.

#### Makes/Models/Model Years:

CUMMINS/L9/9999

Mfr's Report Date: June 29, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21E-060

#### **Components:**

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: EXHAUST SYSTEM: MANIFOLD/HEADER/MUFFLER/TAIL PIPE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 477

### **Problem Description:**

Cummins, Inc. (Cummins) is recalling certain L9 Diesel Engines, with part number D563027BX03. The engine calibration software's management of the injection of Diesel Exhaust Fluid can allow excessive ammonia into the tailpipe exhaust.

### **Consequence:**

Exposure to high levels of ammonia can increase the risk of injury.

## Remedy:

Dealers will recalibrate the engine, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed August 27, 2021. Owners may contact Cummins customer service at 1-800-286-6467.

### **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.nhtsa.gov.



## Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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.

Cummins, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

