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January 6, 1984

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Mr. Nelson Ericks  
Vehicle Identification Number  
Coordinator  
National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration  
400 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Compliance With Vehicle Identification Number  
Regulations C.F.R. Section 571.115 by A. B. Chance  
Company

Dear Mr. Erickson:

As I have indicated to you in our telephone conversations, A. B. Chance Company, located in Centralia, Missouri manufactures a limited number of specialized trailers (approximately 25 per year) for carrying tools and other equipment utilized in servicing and maintaining overhead electrical wires. These trailers are sold principally to electric utility companies throughout the United States.

A. B. Chance Company believed that because of the limited number of trailers manufactured and the specialized nature of these vehicles that the vehicle identification numbering regulations were not applicable to these vehicles. Approximately three months ago it was determined that the VIN regulations were applicable to the trailers manufactured by A. B. Chance Company. Enclosed is an explanation of the VIN code which A. B. Chance will utilize for compliance with the VIN regulations. Should additional information be required please contact me immediately.

As I have informed you in our telephone conversations, A. B. Chance has manufactured and sold a number of trailers without affixing the requisite VINs. A. B. Chance is prepared to provide VINs to the purchasers of these vehicles but does not intend to do so unless requested by the purchasers. If further action is required by A. B. Chance to comply with the regulations please contact me.

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Pursuant to our discussions I have informed A. B. Chance that no further actions are required to bring them into compliance with the VIN regulations, and that they may immediately commence affixing the VINs to the trailers they are currently manufacturing. Thank you very much for all of your assistance. Your courtesy, competence, and helpfulness are a credit to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Patterson

Enclosure

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cc: J. Ausmus  
Secretary and General Counsel  
A. B. Chance Company