

FMCSA issues safety advisory for Trailers Y Tanques De Aluminio tankers

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issued a safety advisory in early May mandating that the owners of certain tankers manufactured by Trailers Y Tanques De Aluminio (TYTAL) cease all operations using the cargo tank, according to a FMCSA press release.

TYTAL, USDOT No. 2164338, CT-12407, cargo tank vehicles with a capacity of 8,400, 8,717 and 10,500 gallons are in need of immediate repairs. The 10,500-gallon tanker has inadequate venting capacity of pressure relief systems and inadequate accident damage protection. The other two tankers have inadequate accident damage protection as well.

Affected TYTAL tankers are unauthorized, according to the FMCSA, until repairs and testing have been completed. Effective June 1, enforcement and fines will be given to owners and drivers operating any of the above tankers that have not made necessary repairs.

TYTAL has notified known customers, and repairs have begun free of charge. More information about the defect can be found by calling 011-52-828-269-0030,

emailing CustomerService@tytal.com.mx, or visiting tytal.com.mx/en/. Paul Bomgardner, chief of Hazardous Materials Division, may be contacted at 202-493-0027 or paul.bomgardner@dot.gov.

Strick recalls 2005-2009 van trailers for faulty rear-impact guard

Strick Trailers is recalling certain single-axle 28-foot van trailers for a rear-impact guard issue, according to a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration document.

More specifically, 2005-2009 van trailers manufactured July 25, 2004, to Feb. 3, 2009, and equipped with rear-impact guards using gussets 55997 and 55998 are affected. Gussets on affected trailers can increase the chances of injury during a crash, thereby violating Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 223, "Rear Impact Guards."

Owners will be notified by Strick to have reinforcements installed to the rear-impact guards at no cost. For more information, contact Strick's customer service at 260-692-6121. The recall was set to begin on June 17. **LL**



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