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Investigation: AQ 14-004
Prompted by:
Date Opened: 10/30/2014
Investigator: Elizabeth Mykytiuk **Reviewer:** Alexander Ansley
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Honda EWR Reporting

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Products: Various Honda and Acura Models
Population: 2 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Suspected repeated failures to submit EWR data and information under TREAD Act reporting requirements.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open Audit Query (AQ)

Summary:

NHTSA has received information indicating that American Honda Motor Co. (Honda) failed to report incidents involving Takata airbags, which resulted in a death or injury, and for which claims were asserted against Honda.

The TREAD Act requires, among other things, that all manufacturers of 5,000 or more light vehicles submit to NHTSA, on a quarterly basis, Early Warning Reports (EWRs) that include information on each and every incident involving death or injury, identified in a claim against the manufacturer or a notice received by the manufacturer alleging or proving that the death or injury was caused by a possible defect. Manufacturers must submit EWRs to NHTSA no later than 60 days after the last day of each calendar quarter.

NHTSA is also concerned that Honda's reporting failures go beyond the Takata incidents described above, and NHTSA has received information from Honda indicating that Honda may have failed to meet its TREAD reporting obligations, including reporting other death or injury incidents.

This audit query (AQ) investigation is being opened in order to investigate the extent and scope of Honda's reporting failures, as well as the reason(s) for such failures and the steps being taken by Honda to assure full compliance with TREAD reporting requirements.