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Mr. Coleman Sachs  
Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Sachs:

Subject: Modification of Certain 2008 Model Year E-450 Econoline cutaways.

This is to inform the agency that Ford Motor Company (Ford) has recently modified two 2008 model year E-450 Econoline cutaways, revising the GVWR weight class to a level different from that indicated by the character "X" in the VIN.

Ford revised the original federal emission compliant calibration on these two vehicles (VINs 1FDXE45P78DB43136 and 1FDXE45P08DB58559) to a California compliant calibration that has a lower GVWR. The modifications took place in December 2009 at Ford dealerships and were witnessed by Ford representatives. The modifications included changing the PCM and 4 vehicle labels (Ford VECI, Ford incomplete vehicle label, final stage manufacturer vehicle certification label, and Navistar engine label). The modifications were necessary to allow the vehicle to be sold in California by the final stage manufacturer, revising them to a California emission-compliant package at 13,990 lb. GVWR.

If there are any questions regarding this VIN information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Director  
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