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Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2008 2:08 PM
Subject: A solution to my RIV case# J084291??

Mr. Fitzgerald,

As I have written back to you in my response on February 14, 2008 - I am 100% wanting to get new "canadian bumpers" so that my vehicle can be registered, but unfortunately NOBODY at the RIV is willing to send out the necessary paperwork in order for me to do this. Please see the note below confirming this and following it is the rest of my response to you:

> Dear Mr. Turanovic,

The manufacturer has advised Transport Canada that the 2008 model Corvette is inadmissible; this fact is reflected on the List of Vehicle Admissible from The United States.

As yet, we have not been advised by the manufacturer that any modifications are possible which would change the status of the vehicle to admissible; as such, our contract prohibits us from inspecting and certifying the vehicle for compliance to CMVSS standards.

The duties and responsibilities of the Registrar of Imported Vehicles are governed by contract with Transport Canada. I note that you are in contact with an individual working in the Minister's office; until such time as Transport Canada advises us that the status of this vehicle has been changed to admissible, we will be unable to release the RIV inspection form.

In the meantime, I am forwarding your email to Mr. Pierre Tremblay to whom you originally wrote, in conjunction with the Minister, on November 29, 2007.

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So as you can see these individuals at the RIV appear to be under your (TC's) direct control and cannot send me the necessary paperwork until the order comes down from you. So if you are serious about the bumper swap you need to call Mr. Moriarty and instruct him to send me out the required forms so that I can proceed with the necessary swap.

FYI the only reason that I am the only person in Canada with this problem is because G.M. in the U.S. has strictly prohibited its dealers from selling 2008 Corvettes to Canadians and as such nobody else has one yet.

One would think that with a minority government you all should be bending over backwards to gain as much support from the canadian public so as to ensure a majority victory in the next election. But ironically you are using the minority position as an excuse not to get the job done - at least this is the impression that I am getting. I would like nothing better than for you to prove me wrong.

In closing, you so far have been the only person who has given me a solution to fix this problem and all that is necessary is for you to give the go ahead to the RIV to get the ball rolling.

Please let's proceed, after all this is not "rocket science".

Warmest regards,

Mario Turanovic

> Dr. Turanovic,

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> I responded to your e-mail on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 6:09 PM.

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> At that time, I told you that you had 3 choices:

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> 1) Continue to trust Andrew (recommended);

> 2) Get new bumpers (as other Corvette owners have done);

> 3) Sell your car and get the Canadian model (costly, not worth it)

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> You have been advised that your 2008 Corvette, although legally imported,

> cannot be registered here because the bumpers do not meet CMVSS 215.

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> You know that, other than selling the car, there are only 2 practical
> options:

> - Change the bumpers; or

> - Change the standard.

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> It will take months to change the standard, and other stakeholders (including

> insurance companies) may oppose these changes.

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> I told you in my last e-mail to you that given that we are in a minority

> government and facing a potential election, it is nearly impossible to

> accurately predict how long it will take to change the regulations. It could

> be June or it could be November.

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> The potential date of any change will not be advanced by further e-mails or

> by a face-to-face meeting.

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> We are working as hard as possible, but you must realize that you are the

> only person in Canada who has contacted us to change the bumper standards on

> a 2008 Corvette. Everyone else either bought their Corvette in Canada or

> changed the bumpers.

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> If you really want us to solve your problem, you must be patient and realize

> that we are doing all we can to help you.

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