

AMVIC Charges Alberta Auto Businesses with FTA Violations

The Alberta Motor Vehicle Industry Council (AMVIC) recently announced 89 charges and 11 convictions against Alberta automotive businesses and individuals under the Fair Trading Act. Among those charged was Southern Country Glass Ltd. in Medicine Hat, Alberta. The company was charged with operating without a provincial business license, as required by law. These actions were the result of extensive investigation and communications dating back to September 2000, according to AMVIC.

"AMVIC, with the support of Alberta's ethical and legitimate players in the automotive industry, is focused on ridding itself of illegal, fraudulent and unethical behavior. Those who operate in such a manner need to recognize there are consequences for their actions," said AMVIC's chairman of the board, Rick Romeril.

AMVIC's next effort to better the

automotive industry will be a program called "Operation Advertising Compliance." This program is aimed at ensuring that automotive businesses advertise their products and services in accordance with the provisions of the Fair Trading Act and respective regulations.

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COMPANIES

Speedy Considers Purchase of Interlite Distributors

Speedy Auto Glass of British Columbia is considering the purchase of Interlite Distributors, which is based in Pennsylvania, according to industry sources. However, officials from Speedy declined comment on the speculation.

Interlite, an auto glass distributor in Ben Salem, Pa., has endured a number of locations closing in the past year, including the shutdown of its website, www.interlite.com, the former home of www.glassbytes.com. While webmaster Regina Newell is

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SAFETY

AGRSS Committee Nears Final Stages

The Auto Glass Replacement Safety Standards Committee (AGRSS) neared the finalization of the revision of the ANSI 001-2000 Auto Glass Replacement Standard at its last meeting in Seattle on June 20. According to chairperson Cindy Minon-Ketcherside, the committee addressed all of the comments it had received since the last meeting and incorporated them into the document. The document has since been submitted to ANSI and is now available on the organization's website, www.ansi.org. At the next AGRSS meeting, which was scheduled for September 11 in Minneapolis, the committee planned to address public comments received and finalize the document for ANSI approval.

In other business, the committee named Independent Glass Association chief executive officer Tim Smale to its board of directors. Smale also serves as the chair of the AGRSS fund-raising committee.

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