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AMECA Announces Accreditation to ANCRA For Testing Synthetic Webbing Tiedown Assembly Cargo Securement Devices

Washington, DC – AMECA. (Automotive Manufacturer Equipment Compliance Agency, Inc.) announces the accreditation of ANCRA to test synthetic webbing cargo securement devices (tiedowns) to USDOT FMCSA 49CFR393.104(e)(3) test requirements.

Only technically proficient, professional laboratories which maintain an auditable record keeping system with a test equipment calibration program and have demonstrated the ability test to every aspect to the relevant safety standard are granted AMECA accreditation. AMECA requires every laboratory to establish and utilize a documented calibration program to assure the required degree of accuracy in measurements. The documented accuracy of all measurement instrument standards remain traceable to primary standards maintained by the National Institute of Standards and Technology of the United States of America or the national laboratory maintaining such standards in the country in which the laboratory is physically located.

ANCRA has clearly demonstrated that it has the equipment, personnel and appropriate qualifications to produce accurate, repeatable and technically valid test data to meet the rigorous requirements of the AMECA accreditation process.

About ANCRA

Since 1969 Ancra International LLC, headquartered in Hawthorne, Calif., has been a world-class designer and manufacturer of restraint-related components and assemblies serving the commercial vehicle market and other industries. Each product is made from only the finest materials with attention given to every engineering detail. All component parts and materials are selected for performance and durability to offer customers the most cost-effective and reliable solutions to their needs. In 1996 Ancra was acquired by The Heico Companies, LLC. Heico has aggregate sales of more than \$1.4 billion and an exceptional resource of professional services, financial and insurance partners.

For more information on the full line of Ancra cargo restraint products, contact the company at: Ancra Cincinnati, 2685 Circleport Drive, Erlanger, Kentucky 41018 or phone 800-233-5138. The web site at www.ancra.com features a downloadable full-color brochure on the complete line of Ancra cargo restraint products.

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About AMECA

AMECA is the designated agent for various States' road vehicle safety equipment compliance programs and provides compliant product listings - including those used for government purchasing of devices such as cargo tiedowns, sirens, emergency lighting and others. The AMECA program is the only program of its type in the United States. This Equipment Compliance Program is a centralized one-stop service and provides a third-party resource which notifies government, industry and the general public about compliant motor vehicle safety equipment. Our Notice of Equipment Compliance is recognized worldwide as evidence of good faith compliance with the rules regarding regulatory requirements enacted by various State laws.

Every product listed by AMECA has been tested by an AMECA-accredited laboratory and found to be in compliance with applicable United States Department of Transportation (NHTSA and FMCSA), state regulations, and/or Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact (VESC) standards-based regulations. Our clients are the national and international automotive industry, the international standards-setting community, the federal government's General Services Administration (GSA), and numerous state governments, as well as some foreign governments.

AMECA maintains a listing of items that have been tested and currently comply with these applicable standards. Called the "Compliance List of Automotive Safety Devices", this listing is updated quarterly and is available as a web-based document free of charge. The international "List of Acceptable Plastics for Optical Lenses and Reflectors Used on Motor Vehicles" is also maintained by AMECA. This document is updated twice a year is also available free as a document on our website. To receive your free copy of the either document send an email request to info@ameca.org.

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