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THE SAFARILAND
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January 17, 2019

RE: NIJ Advisory Notice #10-2018; Hesco Armor, Inc. Model – 4400

Dear Valued Customer:

Safariland, LLC (“Safariland”) is providing notification of the issuance of **NIJ Advisory Notice #10-2018** with respect to **Hesco Armor, Inc. Model – 4400** (the “NIJ Notice”), a copy of which is attached. Pursuant to the NIJ Notice, the Hesco Model 4400 (the “Model 4400”) has been suspended from the NIJ Compliant Products List.

As described in the notification from Hesco Armor, Inc. (“Hesco”), a copy of which is also provided with this letter, Hesco advises that the root cause analysis remains ongoing and that it is working with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) on a corrective action plan.

You are receiving the NIJ Notice because our records indicate that you have purchased Hesco Model 4400 Level IV plates. It is important that law enforcement and corrections officers currently using the Model 4400 plates are made aware of the NIJ Notice. Once the ongoing investigation between Hesco and the NIJ is completed, we will provide an updated notification with any additional information.

In the meantime, as noted in the NIJ Notice, law enforcement and corrections officers currently wearing the plates are encouraged to continue wearing it during this suspension period until completion of the ongoing evaluation and a final determination about the compliance status of Hesco Model 4400.

As always, Safariland’s commitment to officer safety is absolute and will guide the resolution of this issue.

For any questions, please contact me at 909.930.8096 or via email at Todd.Mackler@safariland.com.



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Attachments: NIJ Advisory Notice #10-2018
Hesco Notification



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DATE: 14 DEC 2018

TO: The Safariland Group

ATTN: Todd Mackler

FROM: Hesco Armor, Inc.

RE: Hesco Model 4400 Advisory

Dear Todd,

Hesco Armor's Model 4400 has been extensively tested both before and after its market introduction. Time and again the Model 4400 has proven to be an extremely robust NIJ Level IV design. It was just last year that the 4400 saved a police officer's life.

On December 14th, 2018 a 4400 GL armor plate experienced a complete penetration during a required NIJ surveillance audit of four plates. The other three 4400 GL armor plates passed. We expect that NIJ will suspend this model as part of its normal protocol. Accordingly, until the matter is resolved, the 4400 shall not be sold by Hesco Armor or its distributors as an NIJ certified model.

Hesco Armor's Model 4400 has defeated the M2 AP round over 55 times in fair tests. We are very confident in the plate's design and its stopping power. An analysis is underway to determine the root cause of this anomalistic failure.

We value and thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

HESCO ARMOR, INC.



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20531

NIJ Advisory Notice #10-2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 21, 2018

SUBJECT: Hesco Armor, Inc. model – 4400

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) hereby advises that Hesco Armor, Inc. model 4400 has been suspended from the NIJ Compliant Products List. Following the completion of an ongoing evaluation, the compliance status of this model will be reassessed.

Law enforcement and corrections officers currently wearing this model of armor are encouraged to continue wearing it during this suspension period.

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Supplementary information

Information about NIJ Standard 0101.06 *Ballistic Resistance of Personal Body Armor* can be found at <http://www.justnet.org/CTP> and [Police Armor webpage](#). NIJ's research and testing reports in response to the Attorney General's Body Armor Safety Initiative can be found at [OJP BVP website](#).