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A Daimler Company

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Mr. Daniel C. Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
NVS-200, Room W45-306  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Part 579 Foreign Defect Information Report**

Dear Mr. Smith,

This letter is submitted by Sprinter Engineering and Compliance Support on behalf of our parent company Daimler AG pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability and Documentation Act (TREAD) Act (49 U.S.C. §30166(1)) and the requirements of 49 C.F.R Part 579.11(a). This letter refers to a service action falling under the definition of "safety recall" as defined in 49 C.F.R. §579.4, that will be conducted by Daimler AG in foreign countries, on vehicles that are defined under the TREAD regulations as "substantially similar" to vehicles sold or offered for sale in the United States. The information required under 49 C.F.R. § 579.12 is as follows:

573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's Name

Daimler AG, Stuttgart, Germany.

Designated Agent: Michael D. Scott  
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579.12(a) Identification of the date of determination by the manufacturer or the order by a foreign government to conduct a safety recall or other campaign in each foreign country

The manufacturer filed a Part 573 Notice with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on October 29, 2010.



573.6(c)(2): Identification of Vehicles

Make	Model	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter	2010 - 2011	June 2010 - September 2010

The affected Sprinter model range was identified by a check of affected engines delivered from Daimler AG's engine plant. A review of the affected model range found that no affected 6-cylinder diesel engine was delivered to the Sprinter vehicle production plant. Only Sprinter vehicles with a 4-cylinder diesel engine are affected. Those affected vehicles are not delivered and offered for sale in the US market.

The affected vehicles of this recall campaign are substantially similar to Sprinter vehicles which have been sold or offered for sale in the United States.

Affected Component - Diesel Fuel Filter  
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573.6(c)(3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect

2,403 vehicles will be covered by the foreign campaign.

573.6(c)(5) Description of Defect

Daimler AG has determined that during the supplier manufacturing of the diesel engine fuel filter, the O-ring may not have been properly lubricated in all cases. Lack of lubrication can lead to leakage of the fuel filter. As a result, diesel fuel may be deposited on the highway and create the potential for a crash.

579.12(a) Identification of each foreign country in which the recall or safety campaign is being conducted

This recall will be issued in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, West Bank.

579.12(a) A statement whether the foreign action is a safety recall or other safety campaign

This is a safety recall.

579.12(a) A statement whether the determination to conduct the recall or campaign was made by the manufacturer or was ordered by a foreign government

The determination for this recall was made by the manufacturer.

579.12(a) A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or non-compliance

As a preventive remedy Daimler AG will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the affected vehicles described above. The recall will be conducted to replace all diesel fuel filters in the identified vehicles.

579.12(a) Identification of the date the action commenced or will commence in each foreign country

Daimler AG expects to notify all affected markets about this service action in November 2010.

579.12(a) Identification of all motor vehicles subject to the action that are identical or substantially similar to that sold or offered for sale in the United States

Substantially similar vehicles operated in the US are Sprinter MY 2010 and 2011 model 2500 and 3500, marketed under Mercedes-Benz or Freightliner badge.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Michael D. Scott at michael.d.scott@daimler.com.

Sincerely,



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