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Daniel C. Smith, Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E..
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Smith,

This letter is submitted by the Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC's Sprinter Engineering and Compliance Support Division, on behalf of our parent company Daimler AG, pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability and Documentation (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 "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:

a. Manufacturer's name and address (49 CFR §573.6(c)(1))

Manufacturer: Daimler AG, Stuttgart, Germany

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b. 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 (49 CFR §579.12(a))

Determination to issue this safety recall was made by the manufacturer on February 28, 2011.



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c. Identification of the vehicles potentially containing the defect or non-compliance, including a description of the manufacturer's basis for its determination of the recall population and a description of how the vehicles to be recalled differ from similar vehicles that are not included in the recall (49 CFR §573.6(c)(2))

Make	Model	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter	2011	November 2010 – December 2010

DAG has confirmed that no Sprinter vehicles sold to the US market were affected by this safety recall. The supplier of the affected part, the two-seater co-driver bench, produces this bench individually adapted for each vehicle and designates on each bench the corresponding production number of the vehicle in which it is to be installed. The affected Sprinter vehicle range was clearly identified by the production numbers specified by the supplier. As a result it was found that no Sprinter vehicles for the US market were produced with a two-seater co-driver bench during the affected vehicle production period.

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 – two-seater co-driver bench
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Phone no.: +49 (0) 52 61 / 210 - 0

e. The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect or non-compliance (49 CFR §573.6(c)(3))

131 vehicles will be covered by the foreign campaign.

f. A description of the defect or non-compliance, including a description of the nature and physical location (if applicable) of the defect or non-compliance (49 CFR §573.6(c)(5))

Daimler AG has determined that the supplier of the two-seater co-driver bench utilized rivets with an incorrect diameter when affixing the bench at the bracket, reducing the intended strength of the connection of the bench to the bracket. In the result of a crash, the occupant's forward displacement could move the bench forward, increasing the risk of injury to the occupant from the seat belt.

g. Identification of each foreign country in which the recall or safety campaign is being conducted (49 CFR §579.12(a))

This recall will be issued in Australia, Austria, Albania, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey.

h. A statement whether the foreign action is a safety recall or other safety campaign (49 CFR §579.12(a))

This is a safety recall.

i. A statement whether the determination to conduct the recall or campaign was made by the manufacturer or was ordered by a foreign government (49 CFR §579.12(a))

The determination for this recall was made by the manufacturer.

j. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or non-compliance (49 CFR §579.12(a))

As a preventive remedy Daimler AG will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the affected vehicles described above. The recall will be implemented to replace all two-seater co-driver benches of the identified vehicles.

k. Identification of the date the action commenced or will commence in each foreign country (49 CFR §579.12(a))

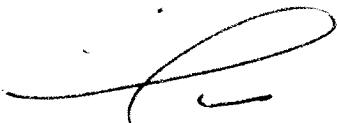
Daimler AG expects to notify all affected markets about this service action in April 2011.

l. 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 (49 CFR §579.12(a))

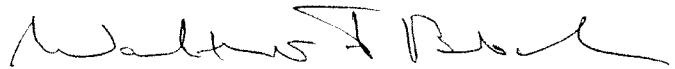
Substantially similar vehicles operated in the US are Sprinter 2011 model 2500 and 3500, marketed under Mercedes-Benz or Freightliner badge.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this response.

Sincerely



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