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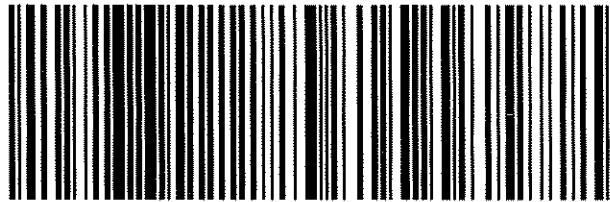
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**Sprinter Engineering and
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March 30, 2011

Mr. 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 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 "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 March 22, 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	2010 - 2011	September 2009 – February 2011

Daimler AG has confirmed that no Sprinter vehicles sold to the US market were affected by this safety recall. The affected option code "PL9, Master code air suspension VMC" for the rear axle is only sold or offered for sale in the European markets, some specified non-European markets and is not sold or 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 – rear axle produced in Daimler AG's axle plant in Kassel, Germany

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

171 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))

Sprinter vehicles can be equipped with an optional air suspension at the rear axle. The air suspension bellow is connected with the rear axle through a carrier, which is mounted at the spring saddle. The spring saddle itself is welded at the rear axle tube with two weld seams. Daimler AG has determined that over time at high mileage cracks at these two weld seams may occur. This may lead to a breakage between spring saddle and rear axle tube, followed by a loss of driving stability.

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 Belgium, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Poland, and Switzerland.

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 install an additional spring saddle at the bottom side of the rear axle tube or a replacement of the rear axle at 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 June 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))

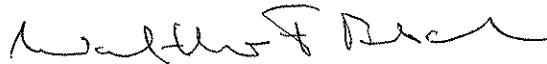
Substantially similar vehicles operated in the US are Sprinter MY 2010 and 2011 model 2500 and 3500, marketed under Mercedes-Benz or Freightliner badge.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this response (843)6955057.

Sincerely



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