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Re: Part 579 Foreign Campaign Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is submitted by Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) on behalf of our parent company, Daimler AG (DAG) pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 579.11(a). This letter refers to a DAG Service Action that will be conducted by DAG in right-hand driving countries on vehicles that are defined under TREAD regulations as being "substantially similar" to vehicles sold or offered for sale in the United States. As indicated below, no potentially affected vehicles were sold in the United States. The information required under 49 C.F.R. § 579.12 is as follows:

• **Manufacturer's Name**

Daimler AG, Stuttgart, Germany manufactured the affected vehicles.

• **Identification of Vehicles**

Make	Line	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Mercedes-Benz	CLS-Class C 218 platform	2011	October, 2010 - May, 2011

• **Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected**

1,525 CLS-Class vehicles worldwide (only right-hand drive vehicles are affected)

• **Description of Issue**

Mercedes-Benz vehicles use a Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) that activates the front airbags in two stages depending on the severity of the accident and the respective longitudinal deceleration. Due to design specifications, only right-hand drive vehicles are

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affected by this campaign. In very rare cases vehicles produced during the period set forth above may experience a failure of electrical connection if the module reaches high ambient temperatures, which will prevent the airbag system from activating the second stage as designed. The first stage of the airbag system would still be operational in event of a crash.

- **Description of Foreign Campaign**

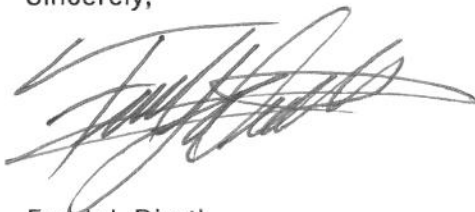
DAG has notified the appropriate authorities in the affected countries that it will initiate a voluntary safety recall on the subject vehicles in July 2011. The campaign will be conducted in the respective countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia and is expected to begin in September 2011. The front passenger airbag module of the affected vehicles will be changed.

- **Identification of Substantially Similar Vehicles Sold or Offered for Sale in the United States**

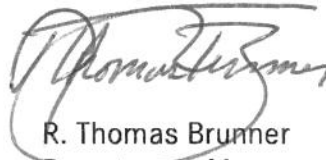
The following vehicles sold in the U.S. fall under the definition of "substantially similar": **Mercedes-Benz CLS-Class (218 platform)**. MBUSA does not sell or offer a right-hand drive CLS-Class (218 platform) in the US.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. R. Thomas Brunner at brunnert@mbusa.com.

Sincerely,



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