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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 worldwide 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	E-Class, 4MATIC W 212 platform	2011	November, 2010 – April, 2011
Mercedes-Benz	CLS-Class C 218 platform	2011	November, 2010 – April, 2011

- **Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected**

819	E-Class vehicles worldwide
2,141	CLS-Class vehicles worldwide



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- **Description of Issue**

Mercedes-Benz offers an Electric Power Steering device in its E-Class 4MATIC (212 platform) and the CLS-Class (218 platform). The ECU of the Electric Power Steering includes a rotor-position sensor. Tolerances during a specific period of the sub-supplier's production might in very rare cases lead to a possible interruption of the electrical circuit within the bonded connection of the rotor-position sensor. This interruption is detected by the ECU-monitoring system and identified as an implausible condition of the rotor-position sensor. In order to maintain the vehicle's driveability the system initiates a programmed fail-safe mode, which interrupts the power steering assist. An optical warning appears simultaneously in the instrument cluster informing the driver about the condition of the vehicle as well as an acoustical signal. The vehicle's manual steering capability remains fully functional and still complies with the worldwide standards of motor vehicle safety.

- **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, South America and Australia and is expected to begin in September 2011. The steering gear of the affected vehicles will be replaced.

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

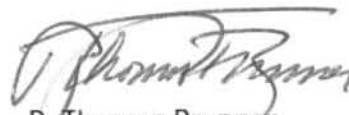
The following vehicles sold in the U.S. fall under the definition of "substantially similar": **Mercedes-Benz E-Class 4MATIC (212 platform) and CLS-Class (218 platform)**. A review of production records has confirmed that no affected rotor-position sensors were used and this issue does not affect any vehicles produced for sale in the United States.

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

Sincerely,



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