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**Re: Part 579 Foreign Campaign Report**

Dear Ms. Lewis:

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. This letter refers to a DAG Service Action that will be conducted by DAG in Europe 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 specified by 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
smart	smart fortwo (platform 451) with smart sport package (Code P27)	2012	September 5, 2011 – February 2, 2012

▪ **Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected**

64 smart fortwo vehicles in Europe (with smart sport package P27)

▪ **Description of Issue**

The smart fortwo sport package (Code P27) contains special BRABUS suspension struts. Due to an error in the production ordering process for the front axle on vehicles with the smart sport package, the front suspension struts of the affected vehicles may have been built with standard components rather than the BRABUS sport components. The rear

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axle contains the BRABUS components. A vehicle having standard components on the front and BRABUS components on the rear does not comply with the European certification and this may affect driveability in extreme driving conditions. Therefore the front suspension struts will be replaced with the proper parts.

▪ **Description of Foreign Campaign**

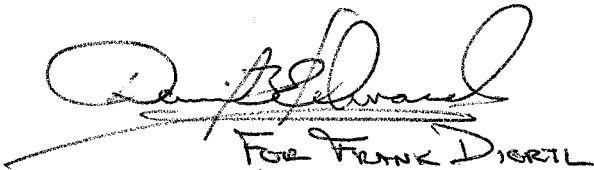
The foreign campaign determination was made on February 16, 2012. The campaign is a voluntary safety recall that will be conducted in the European countries in which the subject vehicles were sold, and is expected to begin March 12, 2012. The front suspension struts on the affected vehicles will be replaced.

▪ **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": smart fortwo (451 platform). MBUSA does not sell or offer any vehicles with the smart sport package (Code P27) in the U.S., therefore no potentially affected vehicles have been sold in the U.S.

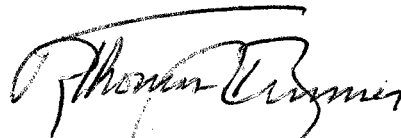
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. R. Thomas Brunner at [brunnert@mbusa.com](mailto:brunnert@mbusa.com).

Sincerely,



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