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Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator, Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
NVS-200, Room W45-306
Washington, D.C. 20590

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 579.11(a). This letter refers to a DAG Service Action that will be conducted by DAG in Europe, Mexico and Taiwan 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
smart	fortwo (451 platform)	2012	February 28, 2012 - March 6, 2012

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected

940 smart fortwo (451 platform) vehicles in Europe, Mexico and Taiwan are affected.

Description of Issue

Daimler AG became aware through its production plant quality control process that certain screws on the brake caliper bracket in the MY 2012 smart fortwo vehicles (451 platform) may



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not have been installed with the appropriate tightening torque during certain plant assembly operations.

In rare cases this may cause that the brake caliper to come in contact with the wheel rim and thus driveability of the vehicle may be affected.

Description of Foreign Campaign

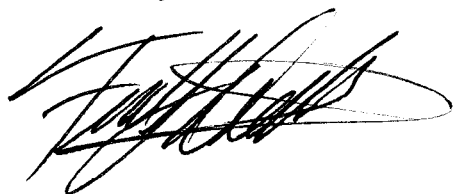
DAG notified the appropriate authorities in the affected European countries, Mexico and Taiwan that it will initiate a voluntary safety recall on the subject vehicles in August 2012. The campaign will be conducted in the respective countries in Europe, Mexico and Taiwan and is expected to begin in August 2012. The screws on the brake caliper bracket will be checked and if necessary the screws will be retightened to the correct torque.

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). Daimler AG has confirmed that no vehicles produced for the U.S. market are affected.

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

Sincerely,



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