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Ms. Nancy Lummen Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report
Certain Toyota vehicles

Dear Ms. Lewis:

In accordance with 49 CFR 579.12, attached is a copy of our Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report for the subject vehicles.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact me at (310) 468-1946.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures
Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report

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Subject: Steering Intermediate Extension Shaft issue on certain Toyota Vehicles

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Corporation ["TMC"]
Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK Ltd. ["TMUK"]

2. Affected Vehicles:

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Country	Action	Production Period	Number of Vehicles
Toyota/ Allex, Avensis, Corolla Fielder, Corolla Runx, Corolla Spacio, Corolla, Isis, WiLL VS, Wish	*1	Australia, China, Europe, Japan, Other countries	Safety Recall (Australia, China, Germany, Japan, U.K.) Other Safety Campaign (Other countries)	Aug. 22, 2000 through Sep. 28, 2009	1,566,501

*1: In these countries, there is no system of Model Year.

3. Substantially Similar Vehicles sold in the U.S.:

Model year/Make/ Car Line: 2001 – 2010 Toyota Corolla
2003 – 2010 Corolla Matrix, Pontiac Vibe

4. Description of Problem:

The steering shaft system of the subject vehicles consists of a steering intermediate shaft assembly, steering sliding yoke sub assembly, and steering intermediate extension shaft assembly. Due to insufficient hardness of the extension shaft, the splines which connect the extension shaft to the steering gear box may deform if the steering wheel is frequently and forcefully turned to the full-lock position while driving at a slow speed. This may create an increased backlash, and splines may eventually wear out over time, which could result in loss of steering ability.

5. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

For all of the subject vehicles, the dealer will inspect the extension shaft. If the vehicle is equipped with an affected extension shaft, the dealer will replace the extension shaft with an improved one.

6. Determination to Conduct Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign:

- The determination was made by Toyota Motor Corporation;
- Date of determination: November 9, 2012
- Date campaign will commence: November 15, 2012

7. Reason the similar vehicles sold in the U.S. are not involved in this safety recall / other safety campaign:

Toyota filed a Part 573 report with NHTSA on November 14, 2012 concerning the same issue and is conducting a safety recall campaign on certain 2004-2009MY Toyota Prius vehicles.

The substantially similar vehicles sold in the U.S. that are not involved in this campaign use an extension shaft assembly that is different in design and of sufficient hardness.