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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 Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd 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	ML250 BlueTec 4matic, ML350 BlueTec 4matic, ML400 4matic (W166 platform) GL350 BlueTec 4matic, GL500 4matic, GL63 AMG (X166 platform)	2012/2013	August 2, 2012 – July 4, 2013

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Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Potentially 118 ML- and GL-Class (W/X 166 platform) vehicles are affected in Australia.

Description of Issue

DAG has determined that the affected vehicles were built without a material cut out for the top tether anchorage for the second row middle seat only, resulting in a top tether anchorage that is covered by the seat back material and therefore not accessible. The outboard top tether anchorages (left and right seat) are not affected by this issue and can be used as designed. A child seat placed in the middle seat position can still be secured by the safety belt.

Description of Foreign Campaign

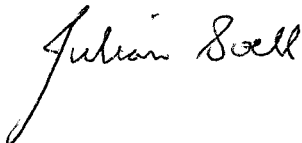
DAG will notify the Australian authority (Australian Transport Safety Bureau - ATSB) that it will initiate a voluntary safety recall on the subject vehicles in July, 2013. The campaign will only be conducted in Australia and is expected to begin in September, 2013. The back cover of the rear bench seat 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 (W166 platform) ML-Class (ML250 BlueTec 4matic, ML350 BlueTec 4matic, ML400 4matic), (X166 platform) GL-Class (GL350 BlueTec 4matic, GL500 4matic, GL63 AMG). All relevant regulatory requirements regarding the top tether anchorages are fulfilled for the U.S. market. A review of production records has confirmed that no vehicles without rear seat top tether anchorages have been produced for sale in the U.S.

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

Sincerely,



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