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Ms. Nancy Lummen 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 Campaign that will be conducted by DAG in the countries indicated below 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	smart fortwo with 52 kW engine and start-stop function (451 platform)	2009 - 2014	August, 2008 - March, 2014

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 54,300 smart fortwo with 52 kW engine and start-stop function are affected by this campaign. According to DAG production records, there are no affected vehicles built for, sold, or offered for sale in the US.

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Description of Issue

DAG became aware that smart vehicles with 52 kW engines and start-stop-function, under certain operating and use conditions, vibrations might be induced into the belt drive system. These vibrations can lead to a premature wear of the poly-V-belt and eventually to a malfunction of the poly-V-belt. In this situation the alternator as well as the water pump can no longer be properly engaged. If this occurs, the driver is made aware of the situation by the corresponding warning lights in the instrument cluster.

Description of Foreign Campaign

DAG notified the appropriate authorities in the affected countries that it will initiate a voluntary safety recall on the subject vehicles in August 2014. The campaign will be conducted in China and Japan and is expected to begin in August 2014. DAG will modify the belt drive system on the affected vehicles.

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 with 52 kW engine and start-stop function (451 platform). According to DAG production records, there are no affected vehicles built for, sold, or offered for sale in the US.

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

Sincerely,

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