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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 field campaign 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 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	GL-Class (X166 platform) GL 350 BLUETEC 4MATIC GL 450 4MATIC GL 550 4MATIC	2013	July 19, 2012 - January 14, 2013



Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 56 GL-Class vehicles in Europe are affected.

Description of Issue

DAG has determined, that on a very limited number of GL-Class vehicles sold in Europe, the headrest posts for the second row outboard seating positions might not meet specifications. Specifically, the notch geometry of affected headrest posts might not be sufficient to secure the headrest in the aligned position under high downward loads at certain angles.

This could potentially increase the risk of injury for second row outboard occupants in the event of a specific crash scenario.

Description of Foreign Campaign

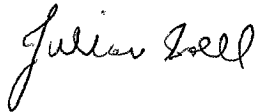
DAG will notify the appropriate authorities in the affected European countries that it will initiate a voluntary safety recall on the subject vehicles in February 2015. The campaign will be conducted in the respective countries and is expected to begin in February, 2015. The outboard second row headrests of 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": Mercedes-Benz GL-Class (X166 platform) GL 350 BLUETEC 4MATIC, GL 450 4MATIC, GL 550 4MATIC. A review of production records has confirmed that no affected vehicles were distributed or sold 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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