



May 7, 2015

Mr. Frank Borris
Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Foreign Safety Campaign – Timing Chain Tensioner
2015 BMW 5 and 7 Series with Diesel Engine**

Dear Mr. Borris:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 579.11.

1. **Manufacturer:** Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW AG)
Designated Agent: Samuel Campbell, III
Department Head, Safety Engineering and ITS
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2. **Make:** BMW
Model Year / Model **Inclusive dates of manufacture**
2015 / M550d, 750d March 17, 2015 – March 24, 2015
3. The number of vehicles affected is 69.
4. This foreign recall involves the timing chain tensioner of a special high performance diesel engine produced separately from the diesel engine offered on comparable US models. Due to a manufacturing process error for these special engines, the timing chain tensioner may not have been tightened to specifications. This could lead to an elongation of the timing chain and, in rare cases, subsequent tensioner breakage.
5. The following foreign countries are affected: Germany, Portugal, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey, Austria, Switzerland, and Korea.
6. The timing chain tensioner will be replaced.
7. The determination has been made by BMW AG.
8. The remedy program will consist of notifying affected owners by letter in order for them to have their vehicles repaired.
9. The determination date was April 30, 2015.

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10. The recall is planned to start in May 2015.
11. The substantially similar vehicles in the US are the Model Year 2015 BMW 535d Sedan, BMW 535d xDrive Sedan and BMW 740Ld xDrive Sedan. However, US models are not affected because they do not contain the diesel engine configuration that is on the affected non-US models.

Sincerely,

BMW of North America, LLC

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Sam Campbell
Department Head
Safety Engineering and Intelligent Transportation Systems