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Mr. Gregory Rea
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 Mr. Rea:

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 report refers to a DAG recall that will be launched by DAG in other countries 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	GLE (166 platform): GLE 450 AMG 4MATIC	2016, 2017	September 21, 2015 - June 3, 2016

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 1,405 GLE (166 platform) vehicles are potentially affected worldwide.

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Description of Issue

Daimler AG has determined that on certain GLE (166 platform) vehicles an issue within the software of the engine control unit might potentially cause an engine shut-down just before a vehicle stop, e.g. while braking prior to a traffic light or a stop sign. If such a situation occurs, the driver might falsely interpret the engine shut-down as planned shut-down as part of the ECO start/stop function. In the event of fast and consecutive transmission downshifts during braking, the engine speed could drop too much due to the unfavorable interaction between engine and transmission software. In that scenario, the engine restart from the overrun fuel cut-off mode shortly before vehicle standstill could be impaired. A potential engine shut-down might be falsely interpreted by the driver as planned shut-down as part of the ECO start/stop function. However, the engine will not restart automatically after releasing the brake pedal, but needs to be manually restarted.

Depending on the traffic situation, an unintentional engine shut-down could increase the risk of a crash.

Description of Foreign Campaign

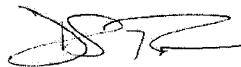
DAG will notify the appropriate authorities in the affected countries on June 13, 2016, that it will initiate a voluntary safety recall on the subject vehicles. The campaign will be conducted in the respective countries in Great Britain, Canada, China, Japan and New Zealand and is expected to begin as of June 22, 2016. The software of the engine control unit will be updated.

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 GLE (166 platform). None of the potentially affected vehicles was 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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