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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

Identification of Vehicles

Make	Line	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Mercedes-Benz	A 45 AMG 4MATIC, GLA 200 CDI, GLA 220 CDI 4MATIC, GLA 250, GLA 200, GLA 45 AMG 4MATIC, A 200, A 180, A 220 CDI, GLA 250 4MATIC, GLA 200 CDI 4MATIC, GLA 180	2016	11/09/2015 – 11/11/2015

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Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 28 A-Class and GLA-Class vehicles are potentially affected worldwide.

Description of Issue

Daimler AG ('DAG'), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles has determined that on certain A-Class (176 platform) and GLA-Class (156 platform) vehicles, the left rear sidebags were damaged during transport resulting in the deformation of the sidebag housings. Deformation of the sidebag housing may adversely affect the inflation of the side bag during a collision or permanently damage the airbag itself, reducing the protective capabilities of the airbag and increasing the risk of injury to the occupant(s).

Description of Foreign Campaign

DAG will notify the appropriate authorities in the affected countries that it will initiate a voluntary safety recall on the subject vehicles on August 12, 2016. The campaign will be conducted in the respective countries in Europe, New Zealand, South Africa and Australia and is expected to begin as of September 5, 2016. The left rear sidebag of the affected vehicles will be replaced.

Identification of Substantially Similar Vehicles Sold or Offered for Sale in the United States

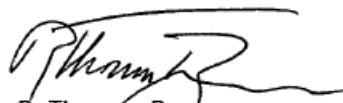
The following vehicles sold in the U.S. fall under the definition of "substantially similar": Mercedes-Benz GLA (156 platform), Mercedes-Benz CLA (117 platform). None of the potentially affected components were assembled into vehicles for the US-Market.

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

Sincerely,



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