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Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC
A Daimler Company

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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 Daimler Vans USA, LLC (DVUSA) 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	Sprinter 2500 / 3500	2007 - 2016	March 14, 2008 – September 12, 2016

Daimler AG has confirmed that no Sprinter vehicles sold in the US market are affected by this voluntary safety recall. The range of affected vehicles could be clearly defined by production date and vehicle configuration. The potentially affected vehicles in this voluntary recall campaign are substantially similar to Sprinter vehicles that have been sold or offered for sale in the United States.

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 284 vehicles are potentially affected in this campaign.

Description of Issue

On certain SPRINTER 4x4, cab chassis vehicles (with 5t gross vehicle weight rating), 2 of 4 bolt connections on the trailer hitch may have been incorrectly fastened. If the bolts are not properly fastened, the correct mounting of the trailer hitch to the vehicle is not ensured. In such an event it is not guaranteed that the remaining bolts are sufficiently dimensioned to withstand the weight and load of the trailer. It cannot be ruled out that the trailer-hitch, and as a result the trailer, could detach from the vehicle body, which may increase the risk of a crash.

Description of Foreign Campaign

DAG will notify the appropriate authorities in the affected countries on November 25 that it will initiate a voluntary safety recall on the subject vehicles in December 2016. The campaign will be conducted in carried out in the following countries:

Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

As a precautionary measure Mercedes-Benz Service organization will replace the bolts and apply the correct torque.

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": Sprinter 2500 and 3500 vehicles branded as Mercedes-Benz, Freightliner or Dodge. According to DAG production records, there are no affected vehicles built for the US.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Michael Scott at michael.d.scott@daimler.com.

Sincerely,



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