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Mr. Gregory Rea
Associate Administrator, Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division
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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	C-Class (205 platform): C 220 BLUETEC, C 250 BLUETEC	2016	August 22, 2015 - September 7, 2015

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 9 C-Class (205 platform) vehicles with diesel engine OM651 are potentially affected worldwide.

Description of Issue

Daimler AG (“DAG”), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has determined that, on certain C-Class vehicles (205 platform) with the OM651Diesel engine, due to an individual worker error in the vehicle assembly plant, the bolt connection of the AdBlue filler pipe and the tank filler ground cable might not meet the specifications.

The bolt connection might loosen due to vibrations during driving. Subsequently, the ground connection between tank filler (AdBlue and Diesel filler neck) and vehicle body might be interrupted. Should the ground connection be interrupted, a potential electrostatic discharge in the area of the tank filler cannot be ruled out.

Under certain ambient conditions, Diesel fuel could produce inflammable vapors. In this situation, an ignition due to electrostatic discharge cannot be excluded.

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 December 12, 2016. The campaign will be conducted in Great Britain, Spain and South Africa and is expected to begin as of December 19, 2016. The bolt connection of the AdBlue filler pipe will be checked and torqued properly, if necessary.

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 C-Class (205 platform). MBUSA does not sell or offer C-Class vehicles (205 platform) with Diesel engine in the U.S.

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

Sincerely,

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