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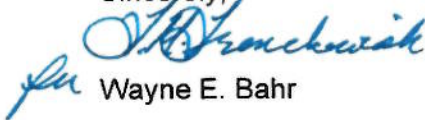
Dear Mr. Ridella:

Subject: Submittal of TREAD report form per 49 CFR, Part 579 Subpart B

This is to inform you that Ford Motor Company and/or its various subsidiaries and affiliates have decided to conduct a Field Service Actions (17S02) in a foreign country. Details of the field action are included in the attached Global Recall Process Field Action report form.

If you have further questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Wayne E. Bahr in blue ink, with a stylized "W" and "B" and a trailing flourish.

Wayne E. Bahr

Attachment



## GLOBAL RECALL PROCESS REPORT OF FIELD ACTION

**MANUFACTURER**

FORD-Europe

**TYPE OF ACTION**

Safety

**FIELD ACTION NUMBER**

17S02

**SUBJECT**

Kuga 1.6L EcoBoost Engine Overheating

**MAKE, MODEL AND MODEL YEAR AFFECTED**

|                 | Model Year |          |
|-----------------|------------|----------|
| Make / Model    | Begin Year | End Year |
| Ford Car / Kuga | 2013       | 2014     |

**ASSEMBLY PLANTS / DATES OF PRODUCTION**

|                                    | Production Dates |           |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Assembly Plants                    | Begin Year       | End Year  |
| Spain - Valencia Body and Assembly | 15-DEC-12        | 14-FEB-14 |

## **OTHER LIMITING FACTORS**

Ford continuously monitors the performance of our products globally and recently launched a recall in South Africa based on the field data and trend of reports of engine overheats that could lead to a cracked cylinder head and risk of an underhood fire. The vehicles included in the South African recall included 2013 and 2014 model year 1.6L engine equipped Kuga vehicles based on the rate of reports. Ford previously conducted a safety recall in the United States (13V583) for 2013 model year Ford Escape vehicles equipped with 1.6L engines. The 2014 model year 1.6L equipped Escape vehicles use a different temperature sensor and control system to reduce the likelihood of an engine overheat that could result in a cracked cylinder head and potentially lead to an underhood fire. Following our process, we are also actively investigating reports in the U.S. field data from the 2014 model year Ford Escape vehicles equipped with 1.6L engines.

Substantially similar vehicles in the U.S.:

2013-14 Ford Escape

A characterization of the vehicle as "Substantially Similar" is made exclusively for purposes of complying with 49 CFR Part 579 and does not imply that the vehicles are "Substantially Similar" in any other context or for any other purpose, regulatory or otherwise. Also, characterization of a vehicle as "Substantially Similar" in this context specifically does not imply that the vehicle is available for import or sale in the United States.

**Vehicles Affected : 4527**

**Market :**

South Africa

**ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE OF THE AFFECTED VEHICLES**

100

**REASON FOR THIS FIELD ACTION**

Ford is currently investigating reports of engine fires in Kuga equipped with 1.6L EcoBoost engines in South Africa. Our investigations have found that the fires may be a result of engine overheating caused by a lack of coolant circulation resulting in cracking in the cylinder head that can lead to an oil leak. If this should occur, there is the potential that an engine fire could result.

**NUMBER OF REPORTS OF THE CONDITION**

0

**DESCRIPTION OF THE REMEDY**

Ford is alerting customers of the need to check their vehicle coolant and oil levels between regular service intervals.

**APPROXIMATE RECALL START DATE**

30-JAN-17