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Mr. Jeff Giuseppe
Associate Administrator, Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Part 579 Foreign Campaign Report

Dear Mr. Giuseppe:

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
Dodge, Freightliner	Sprinter 2500 / 3500	2013 - 2016	July 15th, 2013 - December 1st, 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 was clearly defined by production date and vehicle configuration. The potentially affected vehicles in this voluntary recall campaign are substantially similar to the former DODGE and FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER MY2003-2006 vehicles that were sold or offered for sale in the United States.

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 15,213 vehicles are potentially affected in this campaign.

Description of Issue

Daimler AG became aware that on SPRINTER vehicles for the Russian market – which are substantially similar to the former DODGE and FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER MY2003-2006 vehicles – failure and blackout of the instrument cluster may occur. If the vehicle is parked with the ignition key in position 1 (e.g. in order to operate the radio) a software bug may result in a complete shut-down of the instrument cluster. In these circumstances, reactivation of the instrument cluster is not possible. As a consequence, the speedometer will not function and the warning or malfunction indicator lamps will not illuminate when needed. However, the engine can be started and the vehicle can be operated. This issue only occurs when the vehicle is in a stationary position. The issue cannot arise while the vehicle is in motion. The lack of a functioning speedometer or functioning warning lamps may result in an increased risk to the safety of road users and could result in an increased risk of a crash.

Description of Foreign Campaign

DAG will notify the appropriate authorities in the affected countries on February 10th, 2017 that it will initiate a voluntary safety recall on the subject vehicles in February 2017. The campaign will be carried out in the following markets: Russia, Ukraine and Armenia

As a corrective measure it is planned that the Mercedes-Benz Service organization will incorporate an adapter wiring harness into the main wiring harness leading to the instrument cluster. This prevents the problematic signals from reaching the instrument cluster and the incorrect software reaction to these signals, thereby avoiding instrument cluster failure.

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 Freightliner or Dodge, sold as MY2003-2006.
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.

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Sincerely,



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