



GENERAL MOTORS LLC
Global Vehicle Safety

February 15, 2017

Mr. Stephen Ridella
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Dear Mr. Ridella:

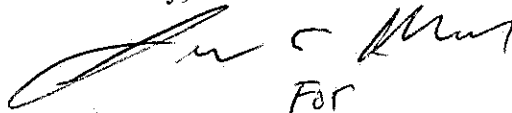
On August 1, 2016, General Motors LLC (“GM”) decided to conduct a global service-update field action on certain 2016 model year Cadillac ATS and CTS vehicles to correct a condition that could prevent the vehicle from starting or re-starting if the vehicle was stopped and entered a stop/start mode. The Japan Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transportation (“JMLIT”) has requested that GM conduct a noncompliance recall on the fifty-seven affected vehicles currently in Japan, all of which are 2016 Cadillac CTS models. To comply with JMLIT’s request, on February 8, 2017, GM decided to conduct a noncompliance recall in Japan on these fifty-seven vehicles.

GM sold “substantially similar” vehicles in the United States, as that term is used in 49 C.F.R. § 579.11. The comment section in the attached section 579.11 report explains why this foreign recall is not applicable to the similar vehicles sold in the United States.

Vehicles identified in this letter as “substantially similar” under the broad definition specified in 49 C.F.R. part 579 can be different in design, performance, durability, and other characteristics. Accordingly, these vehicles may not be “substantially similar” except for purposes of reporting under 49 C.F.R. part 579.

Please contact me if you have any further questions concerning this report.

Sincerely,



For
Brian Latouf, Executive Director
Global Safety and Field Investigations,
Regulation/Certification

Enclosure: General Motors LLC’s Section 579.11 Report



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579.11 REPORT

MANUFACTURER:	General Motors LLC
MAKE:	Cadillac
MODEL & YEAR:	Certain 2016 Cadillac CTS vehicles
NUMBER OF VEHICLES:	57 Units (Produced from May 11, 2015 through February 10, 2016)
ACTION TYPE DETERMINATION:	Noncompliance Recall (Japan Only)
CONDITION:	<p>Certain 2016 model year Cadillac CTS vehicles equipped with AWD (RPO F46), Stop/Start System (RPO KL9), and a 2.0L engine (RPO LTG), may have an engine ground cable (EGC) that could come in contact with the passenger side half-shaft assembly, which may cause the EGC to wear through its insulation. If this occurs, a noise near the front passenger's side may be heard while the vehicle is in motion. If the insulation on the EGC is worn through to the bare cable, arcing may occur between the EGC and the half-shaft at engine start. If the EGC is severed while the vehicle is in motion, and the driver brakes to a stop and the vehicle enters stop/start mode, the engine will shut off and various driver information center (DIC) messages will display. The vehicle will not be able to re-start.</p>
CORRECTION:	<p>Dealers will use a tie strap to attach the EGC to the engine harness. If there is extensive damage, the engine ground cable will either be repaired or the engine wire harness will be replaced.</p>
DATE OF DETERMINATION:	February 8, 2017
ACTION COMMENCED:	February 2017 (estimated)
COUNTRIES INVOLVED:	Japan
SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. VEHICLE:	2017 Cadillac CTS
COMMENT:	<p>General Motors launched a global service-update field action on November 28, 2016. This global field action included fifty-seven model year 2016 Cadillac CTS vehicles in Japan. It also included 8,121 model year 2016 Cadillac ATS and CTS models sold in the United States. GM's decision to conduct a service update bulletin was based on an extremely low number of reported incidents (only 2 reports among a global population of approximately 9,200 vehicles) and the nature of the condition being inability to start or re-start a stopped vehicle.</p> <p>In December 2016, General Motors Japan met with the Japan Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transportation ("JMLIT") to discuss launch</p>

information relating to the service-update field action on the MY 16 Cadillac CTS. At this meeting, JMLIT requested that GM conduct a noncompliance recall instead of a service update bulletin. According to JMLIT, the noncompliance is based on a potential violation of JMLIT regulations 11-2-2-1-10 and 11-2-2-1-21, which relate to engines that are extremely difficult to start. There are 57 affected Cadillac CTS vehicles currently in Japan.

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