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Mr. Jeff Giuseppe
Acting Associate Administrator for 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. Giuseppe:

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 220 d, C 200 d, C 200 4MATIC, C 180, C 160, C 180 d, C 300 4MATIC, AMG C 43 4MATIC, C 400 4MATIC, C 220 d 4MATIC, C 300, C 200	2018	November 27, 2017 - April 19, 2018



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Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 380 C-Class facelift (205 platform) vehicles are potentially affected worldwide.

Description of Issue

DAG determined that on certain facelift C-class vehicles (205 platform), the software of the steering column module does not meet current production specifications. Within the steering column module two analog values will be digitalized and compared, thereby these values have to be within a certain tolerance. Due to very close thresholds, a small deviation of two calculated values could be misinterpreted as a fault.

As a result, certain signals from the steering column module might not be routed to other control units, potentially leading to a deactivation of the Electronic Stability Program ("ESP") and driver assistance systems. Furthermore, the turn indicator, wiper and gear selection would remain in the last selected state, increasing the risk of a crash.

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 June 15, 2018. The campaign will be conducted in Belgium, Ukraine, Finland, France, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Hungary, South Africa, Brazil, Taiwan, India, South Korea and Australia and is expected to begin as of July 31, 2018. The steering column module software of the affected vehicles will be updated.

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). None of the potentially affected vehicles were sold or offered for sale in the U.S.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Gregory Gunther at gregory.gunther@mbusa.com.

Sincerely,



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