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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 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
Mercedes-Benz	METRIS (447 Platform)	2013 - 2018	November 01, 2013 and April 23, 2018

DAG has confirmed that no Mercedes-Benz Metris vehicles (platform 447) sold in the US market are affected by this voluntary recall. The range of affected vehicles has been clearly defined by production date and vehicle configuration. The potentially affected vehicles of this voluntary recall campaign are substantially similar to Mercedes-Benz Metris vehicles that have been sold or offered for sale in the United States.

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 33,763 vehicles are potentially affected in this campaign.

Description of Issue

Daimler AG has determined that in certain Mercedes-Benz Metris vehicles (platform 447), the automatic passenger side airbag deactivation via the seat occupancy detection through the integrated seat mat functions correctly, whereas the "Passenger Airbag OFF" warning lamp is not activated when the passenger seat is considered unoccupied. In this case, the "Passenger Airbag OFF" warning lamp would not indicate to the customer the actual system behavior of the passenger airbag.

In the event of a crash where the front passenger airbag had been incorrectly deactivated, the risk of injury may be increased.

Daimler AG is not currently aware of any cases of personal injury, property damage or accidents in connection with this issue.

Description of Foreign Campaign

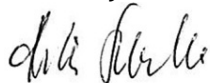
DAG will notify the appropriate agencies on June 28, 2018 in the affected countries, that it will initiate a voluntary recall on the subject vehicles in August 2018. The campaign will be carried out in different countries worldwide with the exception of The United States. As a precautionary measure Daimler AG, via its Mercedes-Benz service partners, will recode the airbag control units for all potentially affected vehicles.

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 Metris Cargo Vans / Passenger Vans. 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.

Sincerely,



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