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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-Class (205 platform): C400 4 MATIC, AMG C 43 4MATIC; E-Class (238 platform): E 400 4MATIC	2018	March 20, 2018 – March 23, 2018

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Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 66 C-Class Coupe/Cabriolet (A205, C205 platforms) and E-Class Coupe/Cabriolet (A238, C238 platforms) vehicles with 6-cylinder gasoline engines and all-wheel drive (4MATIC) are potentially affected worldwide.

Description of Issue

Daimler AG has determined that certain C-Class Coupe/Cabriolet (A205, C205 platforms) and E-Class Coupe/Cabriolet (A238, C238 platforms) vehicles with 6-cylinder gasoline engine and all-wheel drive might have been equipped with an incorrect underbody paneling under the engine compartment. Since the recess for the exhaust system on the left side of the incorrect paneling is missing, the paneling can get in contact with the exhaust system.

Due to a deviation in the logistic process, a certain batch of incorrect underbody paneling was installed.

In this case the temperatures at the exhaust system during vehicle operation under full load might lead to an ignition of the underbody paneling. Therefore the risk of fire cannot be ruled out.

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 July 09, 2018. The campaign will be conducted in Germany, Belgium, Russia, Lithuania, France, United Kingdom, Austria, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Spain, Canada, Brazil, South Korea and Australia and is expected to begin as of July 16, 2018. The underbody paneling of the affected vehicles will be checked and replaced if necessary.

Identification of Substantially Similar Vehicles Sold or Offered for Sale in the United States

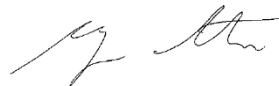
The following vehicles sold in the U.S. fall under the definition of “substantially similar”: C-Class Coupe/Cabriolet (A205, C205 platforms) and E-Class Coupe/Cabriolet (A238, C238 platforms). None of the potentially affected vehicles were sold or offered for sale in the U.S.

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

Sincerely,



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