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January 29, 2020

Mr. Jeffrey Giuseppe
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NEF-100)
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Foreign Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign Report
Certain Toyota Vehicles

Dear Mr. Giuseppe:

In accordance with 49 CFR 579.12, attached is a copy of our Foreign Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign Report for the subject vehicles.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures
Foreign Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign Report

Foreign Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign ReportSubject: Seatbelt buckle switch issue on certain Toyota Prius vehicles**1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:**

Toyota Motor Corporation [“TMC”]

2. Involved Vehicle:

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Country/ Region	Action	Production Period	Number of Vehicles
Toyota/ Prius, Prius PHV, Prius α/V/+,	*1	Africa, Asia, Central and South America, Europe, Middle East, Oceania,	Safety Recall: Argentina, Australia, EU, GCC, Indonesia, Japan, Taiwan, Vietnam Other Safety Campaign: Other countries/regions	August 2014 through July 2019	Approx. 488,000

*1: Most countries/regions do not use a model year designation.

3. Substantially Similar Vehicles sold in the U.S.:

Model Year/ Make/ Car Line: 2014-2015MY Toyota Scion xB
2014-2016MY Toyota Scion tC
2014-2018MY Toyota Prius V, Lexus CT
2014-2019MY Toyota Corolla, Prius
2016-2019MY Toyota Mirai
2017-2018MY Toyota Corolla iM
2017-2019MY Toyota C-HR, Prius PRIME
2018-2019MY Lexus UX
2019MY Toyota Corolla Hatchback

Note: A characterization of a vehicle as “substantially similar” is made only for the purposes of complying with the requirements in 49 CFR Part 579. This characterization does not imply that the vehicles are “substantially similar” for any other context or purpose, regulatory or otherwise.

4. Description of Problem:

The subject vehicles are equipped with a driver seatbelt buckle assembly which contains a system that detects the seatbelt fastened status. The system detects when the seatbelt tongue enters the buckle as the tongue operates a sliding switch. Due to an improper manufacturing process at the supplier’s facility, the switch contacts in the sliding switch assembly may not have been assembled properly. In this condition, abnormal wear at the contacts may occur after repeated operation of the seatbelt and residue may be deposited causing a short circuit to occur. This may cause the system to detect that a seatbelt is not fastened even if the seatbelt is fastened correctly. This could cause the vehicle not to meet certain applicable requirements prescribed in the regulations of the countries identified above.

5. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

For all involved vehicles, the dealers will inspect the driver seatbelt buckle assembly, and if necessary, will replace it or the affected sliding switch assembly inside it with a new one that is not affected by this issue.

6. Determination to Conduct Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign:

- The determination was made by Toyota Motor Corporation;
- Date of determination : January 23, 2020
- Date campaign will commence : Late January, 2020

7. Reason the similar vehicles sold in the U.S. are not involved in this safety recall / other safety campaign:

This issue only affects vehicles equipped with a driver seatbelt buckle assembly containing a sliding switch assembly which may have been manufactured at a specific supplier during a specific production period. Substantially similar vehicles sold in the U.S. are equipped with a driver seatbelt buckle assembly that does not contain sliding switch assemblies produced by this supplier. None of the involved vehicles have been exported to or sold in the U.S.