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Ms. Anne Collins  
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 Ms. Collins,

This letter is submitted by Daimler Vans USA, LLC (DVUSA), on behalf of the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, Mercedes-Benz AG (MBAG), pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 579.11(a). This report refers to a MBAG recall that will be launched by MBAG 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**

Mercedes-Benz AG, Stuttgart, Germany manufactured the affected vehicles.

**Identification of Vehicles**

<b>Make</b>	<b>Line</b>	<b>Model Year</b>	<b>Inclusive Dates of Manufacture</b>
Mercedes-Benz	V-Class/Vito (447 platform): 116 MIX/E4X2 3430, 220 MPH 4X2 3200, V 250AVG/L4X2 3200	2022	Apr 07, 2022 - Jun 08, 2022

**Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected**

Approximately 3 V-Class/Vito (447 platform) vehicles are potentially affected worldwide.

**Description of Issue**

Mercedes-Benz AG has determined that the steering spindle on certain Vito/V-Class (447 platform) vehicles might have been pre-damaged.

Due to a deviation in the production process at a supplier, a certain batch of steering spindles might have been pre-damaged.

In this case, the mechanical connection between the steering column and the steering gear might be impaired with the possibility of a complete disconnection. In consequence, the risk of a crash might be increased. Legal requirements might not be met.

**Description of Foreign Campaign**

MBAG will notify the appropriate authorities in the affected countries that it will initiate a voluntary safety recall on the subject vehicles on Aug 11, 2023. The campaign will be conducted in Spain, and Germany and is expected to begin as the part becomes available. The steering spindle of the affected vehicles will be replaced.

**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 (447 platform). None of the affected vehicles have been offered for sale or lease in the U.S.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Anthony Washington at [Anthony.washington@mbusa.com](mailto:Anthony.washington@mbusa.com).

Sincerely,



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