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May 9, 2012

Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: Defect Information Report FL-626, M2 High Beam Headlamps

Ms. Lewis,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 1248 Freightliner Business Class M2 vehicles manufactured February 6, 2012 through March 14, 2012, and equipped with a headlamp that does not illuminate the low beam bulb in high beam mode.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, Chief Counsel, CAL-OSHA
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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

May 9, 2012

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Freightliner

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Business Class M2

Model Years affected: 2013

Manufacture Dates: February 6, 2012 through March 14, 2012

Basis for determining population: M2 vehicles built February 6, 2012 through March 14, 2012 with a software parameter that turns off the low beam headlamp bulb in high beam mode.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: N/A

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 1248

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 100%

(c)(5) Description of the defect: The M2 headlamp is a 2 bulb 2 reflector system. In high beam operation the lamp illuminates both the low beam bulb and the high beam bulb. A parameter change was inadvertently made to turn off the low beam bulb while in high beam mode

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: The driver may perceive a lack of foreground lighting while driving in certain conditions with the high beams on. This may increase the risk of crash.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: A parameter change was inadvertently made to turn off the low beam bulb while in high beam mode in early February 2012. In mid March 2012 the issue was noticed at the truck manufacturing plants and all M2s were put on hold at the plants. All vehicles still at the plants were inspected and updated as necessary. DTNA began an investigation to attempt to determine the impact on the driver. On May 3, 2012 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall on certain Freightliner vehicles.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: N/A

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: Vehicles will be inspected and if required the vehicle software will be updated to turn on the low beam bulb in high beam mode. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities.

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(ii) Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed prior to July 9, 2012.

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed prior to July 9, 2012.

(c)(9) Information for tire recalls: Not Applicable

(c)(10) Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(11) Manufacturer's campaign number: FL-626