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Daimler Trucks North America

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October 3, 2013

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-648, 13R-1,
Emergency Vehicle Engine Shutdown**

Ms. Lewis,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a voluntary safety campaign to recall approximately 29 Freightliner Business Class M2 vehicles manufactured January 29, 2013, through July 12, 2013, for emergency service, and equipped with engines without the engine shutdown protocols disabled.

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)

October 3, 2013

(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: 2014

Manufacture Dates: January 29, 2013 through July 12, 2013

Basis for determining population: Vehicles intended for emergency service and equipped with engines without the engine shutdown protocol disabled.

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

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 29 (20 US, 9 Canada)

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

(c)(5) Description of the defect: Engine shutdown software normally provided to protect the engine and vehicle after the vehicle operator receives and ignores multiple warnings indicating the need for operator intervention may not have been disabled on certain Business Class M2s intended for emergency vehicle applications.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: During certain emergency operations engine shutdown could hamper rescue operations and place the public at risk.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: In July of 2013, DTNA identified the potential that certain vehicles intended for emergency service did not have the engine shutdown protocol disabled. DTNA conducted an investigation to validate the operation of the shutdown protocol with various engine configurations and identify any affected population. On September 30, 2013 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary recall to update the software on potentially affected vehicles.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: Not Applicable

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: Affected vehicles will receive updated engine software programming files to disable engine shutdown protocols.

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 no later than December 3, 2013.

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed no later than December 3, 2013.

(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-648, 13R-1