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**National Highway
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Administration**

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11V-160

SUBJECT: HEADLIGHT HEIGHT/FMVSS 108

DEAR MR. ZAMANI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America's (DTNA) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FREIGHTLINER/BUSINESS CLASS M2 106V/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-160

Mfg's Report Date: March 10, 2011

Components: EXTERIOR LIGHTING: HEADLIGHT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 301

Summary:

DAIMLER TRUCKS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 BUSINESS CLASS M2 106V INCOMPLETE CHASSIS CAB VEHICLES, MANUFACTURED FROM JULY 19, 2010, THROUGH JANUARY 14, 2011. THESE VEHICLES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, "LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT." THE HEADLIGHTS ON SOME VEHICLES MAY HAVE BEEN INSTALLED MORE THAN 54" FROM THE ROAD SURFACE.

Consequence:

HEADLIGHTS INSTALLED AT HEIGHTS OUTSIDE OF THE PARAMETERS SET BY THE SAFETY STANDARD MAY NOT FULLY ILLUMINATE ROAD SURFACES OR MAY INHIBIT THE ABILITY OF MOTORISTS TO SEE VEHICLES INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE HEADLAMP HEIGHT AND REPLACE ANY NONCONFORMING HEADLIGHTS WITH NEW HEADLIGHTS THAT LOWER THE BULB CENTER SUCH THAT THE HEADLIGHTS MEET THE SAFETY STANDARD FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE MAY 25, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLER TRUCKS AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

DAIMLER TRUCKS SAFETY RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS FL-592. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

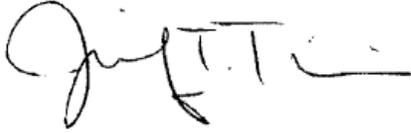
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement