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Subject: Part 565.7 (c), VIN Reporting Requirements

Attn: VIN Coordinator,

Pursuant to the subject regulations, enclosed please find new model series expected to be marketed during Model Year 2003 by Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA), as well as the information necessary to decipher the Vehicle Identification Number.

This correspondence follows a January 21, 2002 submission related to the introduction of the 2003 MY SL-Class vehicle line, and contains the remainder of Mercedes-Benz passenger car lines and all light truck lines currently scheduled for sale in the 2003 MY.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 201-573-2389.

Sincerely,

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Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC - Model Year 2003 Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Deciphering Information Attributes of Vehicles (As specified in Part 565.4, Table I)

WMI	First 4 Characters of Second VIN	Line	Series	Body Type	Engine Type
WDB	SK75	230 (SL-Class)	SL500	2-door Convertible	MB 5.0 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 302 Net bhp
WDB	SK74	230 (SL-Class)	SL55K AMG	2-door Convertible	MB 5.5 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 493 Net bhp
WDB	KK49	170 (SLK-Class)	SLK230	2-door Convertible	MB 2.3 Liter, In-line 4 cyl., Gasoline, 192 Net bhp
WDB	KK65	170 (SLK-Class)	SLK320	2-door Convertible	MB 3.2 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 215 Net bhp
WDB	KK66	170 (SLK-Class)	SLK32K AMG	2-door convertible	MB 3.2 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 349 Net bhp
WDB	UF65	211 (E-Class)	E320	4-door Sedan	MB 3.2 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 221 Net bhp
WDB	UF70	211 (E-Class)	E500	4-door Sedan	MB 5.0 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 302 Net bhp
WDB	JH65	210 (E-Class)	E320	4-door Station Wagon	MB 3.2 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 221 Net bhp
WDB	JH82	210 (E-Class)	E320 AWD	4-door Station Wagon ^{4M}	MB 3.2 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 221 Net bhp
WUB	RF65	303 (C-Class)	C32K AMG	4-door Sedan	MB 3.2 Liter. V-Type 6 cyl Gasoline. 349 Net bhp
WDB	RF61	203 (C-Class)	C240	4-door Sedan	MB 2.6 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 168 Net bhp
WDB	RF81	203 (C-Class)	C240	4-door Sedan⁴M	MB 2.6 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 168 Net bhp
WDB	RF64	203 (C-Class)	C320	4-door Sedan	MB 3.2 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 215 Net bhp
WDB	RF84	203 (C-Class)	C320	4-door Sedan ^{4M}	MB 3.2 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 215 Net bhp
WDB	RH64	203 (C-Class)	C320	4-door Station Wagon	MB 3.2 Liter V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 215 Net bhp
WDB	RH84	203 (C-Class)	C320	4-door Station Wagon⁴ ^M	MB 3.2 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 215 Net bhp
WDB	RN40	203 (C-Class)	C180K	2-door Coupe	MB 2.0 Liter, in-Line 4 cyl., Gasoline, 189 Net bhp
WDB	TJ65	209 (CLK-Class)	CLK320C	2-door Coupe	MB 3.2 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 215 Net bhp
WDB	TJ75	209 (CLK-Class)	CLK500C	2-door Coupe	MB 5.0 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 302 Net bhp
WDB	LK65	208 (CLK-Class)	CLK320A	2-door Cabriolet	MB 3.2 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 215 Net bhp
WDB	LK70	208 (CLK-Class)	CLK430A	2-door Cabriolet	MB 4.3 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 275 Net bhp
WDB	PJ75	215 (CL-Class)	CL500	2-door Coupe	MB 5.0 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 302 Net bhp
WDB	PJ76	215 (CL-Class)	CL600 Bi-T	2-door Coupe	MB 5.5 Liter, V-Type 12 cyl., Gasoline, 493 Net bhp
WDB	PJ74	215 (CL-Class)	CL55K AMG	2-door Coupe	MB 5.5 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 493 Net bhp
WDB	NG70	220 (S-Class)	S430	4-door Sedan	MB 4.3 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 275 Net bhp
WDB	NG83	220 (S-Class)	S430	4-door Sedan⁴ ^M	MB 4.3 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 275 Net bhp

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WDB	NF70	220 (S-Class)	S430	4-door Sedan	MB 4.3 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 275 Net bhp
WDB	NG75	220 (S-Class)	S500	4-door Sedan	MB 5.0 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 302 Net bhp
WDB	NG84	220 (S-Class)	S500	4-door Sedan⁴ ^M	MB 5.0 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 302 Net bhp
WDB	NG76	220 (S-Class)	S600 Bi-T	4-door Sedan	MB 5.5 Liter, V-Type 12 cyl., Gasoline, 493 Net bhp
WDB	NG74	220 (S-Class)	S55K AMG	4-door Sedan	MB 5.5 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 493 Net bhp
WDB	NG75	220 (S-Class)	S500 Guard	4-door Sedan	MB 5.0 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 302 Net bhp
WDB	VF78	240 (Maybach)	short wheel base	4-door Sedan	MB 5.5 Liter, V-Type 12 cyl., Gasoline, 543 Net bnp
WDB	VG78	240 (Maybach)	long wheel base	4-door Sedan	MB 5.5 Liter, V-Type 12 cyl., Gasoline, 543 Net bhp

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First 4 Characters of Second VIN Section	Line	Series	Body Type	Engine Type
AB54	163 (M-Class)	ML320	4-door MPV	MB 3.2 Liter, V-Type 6 cyl., Gasoline, 215 Net bhp
AB57	163 (M-Class)	ML350	4-door MPV	MB 3.7 Liter V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 240 Net bhp
AB75	163 (M-Class)	ML500	4-door MPV	MB 5.0 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 288 Net bhp
AB74	163 (M-Class)	ML55	4-door MPV	MB 5.5 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 342 Net bhp
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Gross Vehicle Weight Rating

Fifth Character of Second VIN Section	Gross Vehicle Weight Rating Class	
E (Line 163)	Greater than 2722 kg. to 3175 kg. (6001 – 7000 lbs.)	

Plant Designation Codes for 4JG (M-Class): A = Vance

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WMI	First 4 Characters of Second VIN Section	Line	Series	Body Type	Engine Type
WDC	YR49	W463 (G-Class)	G500	4-door MPV	MB 5.0 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 292 Net bhp
WDC	YR46	W463 (G-Class)	G55	4-door MPV	MB 5.5 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 349 Net bhp

Fifth Character of Second VIN Section	Gross Vehicle Weight Rating Class	
E (Line 463)	Greater than 2722 kg. to 3175 kg. (6001 – 7000 lbs.)	

Plant Designation Codes for WDC (G-Class): X = Graz

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Fifth Character of Second VIN Section	Driver	Front Passenger	Outboard Rear	Center Rear
F (Lines 170, 230)	Type-2 Belt with ETD*, Air Bag, Knee Bolster or Knee Bag, Side Impact Air Bag	Type-2 Belt with ETD *, Air Bag, Knee Bolster, Side Impact Air Bag	N/A**	N/A**
G (Lines 208, 209)	Type-2 Belt with ETD *, Air Bag, Knee Bolster, Side Impact Air Bag	Type-2 Belt with ETD [*] , Air Bag, Knee Bolster, Side Impact Air Bag	Type-2 Belts, Side Impact Air bag ****	N/A***
J (Lines 203, 210, 215, 220, 211, 240)	Type-2 Belt with ETD *, Air Bag, Knee Bolster, Side Impact Air Bag, Window Bag	Type-2 Belt with ETD [*] , Air Bag, Knee Bolster, Side Impact Air Bag, Window Bag	Type-2 Belts with ETD *, Window Bag. **** Side Impact Air Bag	Type-2 Belt ***

^{*} Emergency Tensioning Device (Retractor or buckle)

Plant Designation Codes for WDB: A, B, C, D = Sindelfingen; E= Juiz de Fora, Brazil; F, G, H = Bremen; J = Rastatt; T=Osnabrück; X = Graz ^{4M} = 4-Matic

^{**} Line 230 (SL500, SL55K AMG series) and Line 170 (SLK230, SLK 320, SLK32K AMG) have only two front designated seating positions
*** Lines 208, 209 (CLK320 Cabriolet, CLK430 Cabriolet, CLK320, CLK500 series) and Line 215 (CL500, CL55K AMG, CL600 Bi-T) have only two rear designated seating positions

^{****} Line 208 (CLK320 Cabriolet, CLK430) has no rear side impact airbags