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Subject: Part 565.5 (d), VIN Reporting Requirements

To assist the NHTSA, Mercedes-Benz of North America, Inc. submits the following additional VIN information for Model Year 1989:

Second Character of the fourth VIN-section	Plant Location
B	Sindelfingen, West Germany

The reason for this character change is due to production of Model (Line) 124 cars (260E, 300E, 300TE, 300CE) having exceeded one million units. The previous "second character" i.e. "A" was used for vehicles 000 001 through 999999; the letter "B" will be used until 999999 and then "C" will be used, etc. This pattern will be identical for other models of Mercedes-Benz vehicles which reach the 999999 unit production.

Should you require further information, please contact G. Ambrozaitis (201) 573-2622 in our Safety Engineering Department.

Sincerely,

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