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Subject: Chronology for Audi Recall 72M6

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Dear Mr. Owens:

Volkswagen hereby submits the following chronology associated with the subject recall.

## Chronology of Defect

July 27, 2021: AUDI AG is informed by another affected brand that the wiring harness for the center rear seat belt buckle on certain Audi e-tron GT vehicles may be routed incorrectly. Audi AG implemented a robustness countermeasure in production to prevent the possibility of improper routing going forward.

July - October 2021: AUDI AG investigated vehicles at ports to identify if there were any affected vehicles in the field. Ten percent of sampled vehicles inspected at the ports exhibited improper wire routing, though the extent of field exposure was still unknown. Testing indicated that it was potentially not possible to secure a child restraint system on the right rear seat of affected vehicles. Testing also indicated that the issue would be clearly observable by a consumer on affected vehicles. The Audi Product Safety Committee decided a service campaign for the affected vehicles to secure the wiring harness and check for possible pre-damage.

November 2021 - January 2022: Further analysis commenced to finalize identification of potentially affected vehicles, including whether condition may have been fixed by quality teams prior to customer delivery. U.S. colleagues reviewing the topic as part of the campaign preparation identified that the issue may cause a noncompliance with FMVSS 225 if the lower LATCH anchor on the right rear seat is made inoperative due to the wire routing condition. The topic, including population, safety impact, and root cause, was discussed between the affected brands in U.S. and Germany. The legal teams of Audi AG and Volkswagen Group of America analyzed the potential noncompliance with FMVSS 225 and recommended escalation to the Audi Product Safety Committee.

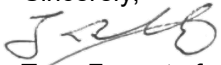
February 9, 2022: The legal assessment is presented to the Audi Product Safety Committee and a recommendation was made to escalate to multi-brand clearing for final determination regarding a potential noncompliance recall.

February 16, 2022: In the multi-brand clearing, the Audi Product Safety Committee makes the decision for a noncompliance recall.

Audi is not aware of any warranty claims, customer complaints, crashes, or injuries due to this issue.

Please contact me if you require any additional information or have any questions related to this information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Ferrante', written over a horizontal line.

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