



**Media Statement
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TAKATA FACES MORE CARTEL CONDUCT CHARGES

Global airbag and seatbelt manufacturer, Takata Corporation, and its local arm, Takata South Africa (Pty) Ltd, will now face 21 charges of cartel charges after the Commission referred additional cases of collusive tendering, price fixing and market division.

The Commission has added 17 more charges following the initial four that were referred to the Tribunal for prosecution in March this year. The latest charges involve collusion in relation to BMW, Toyota and VW tenders issued between 2006 and 2011 for the manufacture and supply of:

1. Airbags, seatbelts and steering wheels that contain driver airbags for the VW Golf, Audi A3, VW Passat, VW Tiguan and VW Touran models;
2. Steering wheels that contain driver airbags for Audi A3, Audi TT, VW Touran, VW Jetta, VW Eos, VW Tiguan, and VW Scirocco vehicles;
3. Steering wheels that contain driver airbags for the BMW 1 and 3 series vehicles;
4. Seatbelts for VW120Up vehicles;
5. Seatbelts for Passat motor vehicles;
6. Passenger airbags and steering wheels containing driver airbags for BMW 5, 6 and 7 series vehicles;
7. Steering wheels containing driver airbags for BMW 3 series vehicles;
8. Airbags, seatbelts and steering wheels that contain driver airbags for BMW X5 and X6 vehicles
9. Steering wheels containing driver airbags for Golf Cabriolets;
10. Seatbelts for Polo and Audi A1 models;
11. Passenger airbags for VW Polo and Audi A1 vehicles;
12. Steering wheels and driver airbags for A1, A6, A7 and A8;
13. Steering wheels and driver airbags for VW polo.
14. Curtain/thorax airbags and steering wheels containing driver airbags for Porsche Cajun vehicles;
15. Seatbelts for Porsche Cajun vehicles;
16. Steering wheels for Toyota Yaris; and
17. Seatbelts and airbags for Toyota Auris.

“The uncovering and prosecution of this international cartel confirms the Commission's position as one of the elite global anti cartel enforcers. The cartel on car parts is one of the most extensive global cartel affecting most vehicle model and therefore a significant number of consumers globally, including SA. The affected vehicles are among the most popular in our market. Its effect would have been a price increase in the prices of affected motor vehicle”, says Competition Commissioner, Tembinkosi Bonakele.

The Commission is not seeking penalties against other global players and their local affiliates implicated with Takata. These include Autoliv Inc, Autoliv SA, TRW Automotive Inc and TRW Occupant Restraints South Africa Inc. TRW was first to apply for (and was granted) immunity. Autoliv has settled with the Commission.

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