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## **Federal Office for Motor Traffic (KBA) approval: Audi to start recall of diesel models in Germany**

- **First of eight recall notices to be implemented on Wednesday**
- **Around 151,000 vehicles affected by recalls in Germany as part of the diesel issue**
- **Bernd Martens, Head of the Audi task force: “Our commitment is to deal with the diesel crisis consistently and fully”**

**Ingolstadt, November 12, 2018 – On Wednesday Audi will begin the first of eight recalls for cars with V TDI engines in Germany. Following approval by the Federal Office for Motor Traffic (KBA) the company will initially be recalling around 31,200 vehicles to the workshops. In total, around 151,000 midsize and full-size cars in Germany are affected by the eight recall notices.**

“Our commitment is and remains to deal with the diesel crisis consistently and fully,” says Bernd Martens, Audi Board Member for Procurement and IT as well as head of the internal task force for dealing with the diesel crisis: “After detailed technical analyses we can now offer specific solutions to fully meet the technical requirements of the Federal Office for Motor Traffic. That way we aim to strengthen our customers’ trust.”

In the first wave, Audi A6 and Audi A7 Sportback models will be recalled into the workshops in Germany. This involves 31,200 vehicles powered by a 3.0 TDI engine with an output of 200 kW from the model years 2015 through 2018. A software module will be removed from the engine management system as part of the recall. This update is free of charge for Audi customers and will not adversely affect fuel consumption, CO<sub>2</sub> emission figures, engine output, maximum torque, noise emissions or the durability of the engine and the exhaust aftertreatment system.

This software update is a mandatory recall. Audi will therefore contact all affected vehicle owners in Germany to request that they contact their workshop partner or dealer.



The first of the eight recall notices will be implemented on Wednesday. The other recalls will also start immediately as soon as they have been approved by the Federal Office for Motor Traffic. To this end, the company has submitted concrete solutions to the approval authority for consideration and for a decision.

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In 2017, the Audi Group delivered to customers about 1.878 million automobiles of the Audi brand, 3,815 sports cars of the Lamborghini brand and 55,900 motorcycles of the Ducati brand. In the 2017 fiscal year, AUDI AG achieved total revenue of €60.1 billion and an operating profit of €5.1 billion. At present, approximately 90,000 people work for the company all over the world, more than 60,000 of them in Germany. Audi focuses on sustainable products and technologies for the future of mobility.