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CONSUMER ALERT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

PRODUCT RECALL OF LAND ROVER DEFENDER, DISCOVERY AND RANGE ROVER VEHICLES OVER POTENTIAL AIRBAG ISSUE

1. The COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission (the "Commission") has become aware of a recall affecting 250,857 SUVs from 2020 to 2026 model years of the Land Rover Defender, Discovery and Range Rover vehicles. The recall has since been executed in South Africa and USA. According to a report issued by the United States National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on 12 June 2026, the recall by Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC, has been initiated due to a safety issue. The concern involves the connector to the driver's airbag at the clockspring, which may experience fretting corrosion over time. This can lead to an increased resistance in the driver's airbag circuit, potentially resulting in the airbag failing to deploy properly when required.

2. Below is a description of the affected vehicles:

	Model	**Production Dates**	**Units affected**
1	2022-2026 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER	Jul 08, 2021 - Jun 03, 2026	69,685
2	2021-2026 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY	Sep 14, 2020 - Jun 04, 2026	83,620
3	2020-2026 LAND ROVER DEFENDER	Oct 16, 2019 - May 28, 2026	97,552

3. More information on the above recall is available on the link below:

   https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rcl/2026/RCLRPT-26V389-8830.pdf

4. The report by the NHTSA further indicated that the manufacturer has so far not received any claims or field reports of airbag non-deployment, neither have there been reported accidents, injuries or fires as a result of this concern. Owners of the relevant Land Rover

models are requested to visit their nearest dealership, where a protective lubricant will be applied to the connector terminals at no cost.

5. In a statement released by the National Consumer Commission of South Africa (NCC) on 29 June 2026, the recall by Jaguar Land Rover South Africa (Pty) Ltd affects Defender sold from April 2019 to June 2026, Discovery sold between July 2020 and June 2026 and Range Rover vehicles sold between September 2020 and June 2026. More information on the recall is available on the link below:

   https://thencc.org.za/product-safety-recall-2020-2027-land-rover-defender-discovery-and-range-rover-vehicles/

6. The Commission is aware that consumers from several Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Member States, import vehicles from South Africa and other parts of the world. It is therefore likely that some of the recalled vehicles may have been distributed in the COMESA region.

7. In view of the above, the Commission, pursuant to Regulation 66 of the COMESA Competition and Consumer Protection Regulations 2025, wishes to bring to the attention of consumers in all COMESA Member States[1] the risks associated with the recalled vehicles. The Commission further urges consumers who own the affected vehicles to visit their nearest Jaguar Land Rover dealership, as guided by the NHTSA and NCC recall notices, to arrange for an inspection and repair, at no cost.

8. The Commission continues to work closely with Jaguar Land Rover, and the COMESA Member States to ensure that any affected consumers are informed and provided with the necessary redress. Should you require more information or clarification on the matter, you may contact the undersigned.

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