

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**IN RE AUTOMOTIVE PARTS ANTITRUST  
LITIGATION**

**In Re: BEARINGS CASES**

**THIS RELATES TO:  
ALL DIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS**

**CASE NO. 12-MD-02311  
HON. SEAN F. COX**

**2:12-cv-00501-SFC-RSW  
2:15-cv-12068-SFC-RSW**

**ORDER AUTHORIZING DISSEMINATION OF  
NOTICE TO THE DIRECT PURCHASER SCHAEFFLER SETTLEMENT  
CLASS OF SETTLEMENT CLASS COUNSEL'S REQUEST  
FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES**

Upon consideration of the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' Motion for an Order Authorizing Dissemination of Notice to the Direct Purchaser Schaeffler Settlement Class of Settlement Class Counsel's Request for an Award of Attorneys' Fees (the "Motion"), and supporting memorandum (the "Notice Memorandum"), it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. The Motion is hereby **GRANTED**.
2. By Order of this Court dated November 15, 2017 (2:12-cv-00501, Doc. No. 279), the Settlement Agreement between the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs and Defendants Schaeffler Group USA Inc., Schaeffler Technologies GmbH & Co. KG (formerly Schaeffler Technologies GmbH & Co. KG), and FAG Kugelfischer GmbH (collectively, "Schaeffler") was granted final approval, and a Direct Purchaser Schaeffler Settlement Class (the "Schaeffler Settlement Class") was certified. The Schaeffler Settlement Class shall receive notice in accordance with the terms of this Order.
3. The Court approves the form and content of: (a) the Notice of Settlement Class Counsel's Request for an Award of Attorneys' Fees (the "Notice"), attached as Exhibit 1 to the

Notice Memorandum; and (b) the Summary Notice of Settlement Class Counsel's Request for an Award of Attorneys' Fees (the "Notice") (the "Summary Notice"), attached as Exhibit 2 to the Notice Memorandum.

4. The Court finds that the mailing and publication of the Notice and Summary Notice in the manner set forth herein constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and is valid, due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto and complies fully with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and the due process requirements of the Constitution of the United States.

5. On or before September 13, 2021, the Notice, in substantially the same form as Exhibit 1 to the Notice Memorandum, shall be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to all members of the Schaeffler Settlement Class identified by Defendants that were previously mailed notice of the Schaeffler settlement, except the entities that requested exclusion from the Schaeffler Settlement Class. In addition, a copy of the Notice shall be posted on the Internet at [www.AutoPartsAntitrustLitigation.com/Bearings](http://www.AutoPartsAntitrustLitigation.com/Bearings), the website for this litigation.

6. On or before September 20, 2021, Settlement Class Counsel shall cause the Summary Notice, in substantially the same form as Exhibit 2 to the Notice Memorandum, to be published in one edition of *Automotive News*.

7. On or before October 1, 2021, Settlement Class Counsel shall file with the Court their motion for an award of attorneys' fees.

8. Any objection by any member of the Schaeffler Settlement Class to Settlement Class Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees must be in writing, must be filed with the Clerk of Court and postmarked no later than October 18, 2021, and must otherwise comply with the requirements set forth in the Notice.

9. At least ten (10) days before the hearing date fixed by this Court, Settlement Class Counsel shall file with the Court affidavits or declarations of the person under whose general direction the mailing and posting of the Notice, publication of the Summary Notice, and issuance of the Press Release were made, showing that notice was disseminated in accordance with this Order.

10. The Court will hold a hearing on **November 18, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse, 231 West Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, MI, 48226, Courtroom 817 (or such other courtroom as may be assigned for the hearing), to consider whether the Court should approve Settlement Class Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees. Any Settlement Class member who follows the procedure set forth in the Notice may appear and be heard at this hearing. If the Court believes that it is appropriate, the hearing may be conducted remotely by telephone or other electronic means. If the Court determines to hold the hearing remotely, Settlement Class Counsel shall post that information on the website devoted to the direct purchaser litigation and provide any class member that has informed the Court that it intends to participate the information required to remotely participate. The hearing may be rescheduled, adjourned or continued, and the courtroom assigned for the hearing may be changed, without further notice to the Schaeffler Settlement Class. The Court may rule on the papers if no objections are timely filed.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: August 30, 2021

s/Sean F. Cox  
Sean F. Cox  
U. S. District Judge