

Sample Buy American Provision

Section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 requires schools participating in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs in the contiguous United States to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or product for use in the meals served under these programs. The legislation defines "domestic commodity or product" as one that is produced in the United States and is processed in the United States substantially using agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States. "Substantially" means that over 51% of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically. These provisions apply to all funds in the food service account and not just federal reimbursements.

Exceptions to the Buy American provision should be used as a last resort; however, an alternative or exception may be approved upon request.

To be considered for the alternative or exception, the request must be submitted in writing to a designated official, a minimum of ___day (s) in advance of delivery. The request must include the:

- a) Alternative substitute (s) that are domestic and meet the required specifications:
 - i) Price of the domestic food alternative substitute (s); and
 - ii) Availability of the domestic alternative substitute (s) in relation to the quantity ordered.

- b) Reason for exception: limited/lack of availability or price (include price):
 - iii) Price of the domestic food product; and
 - iv) Price of the non-domestic product that meets the required specification of the domestic product.