

BUY AMERICAN CERTIFICATION

By the requirements of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act’s (NSLA) Buy American provision that school food authorities (SFAs) must follow these guidelines when purchasing food and food products for use in the Child Nutrition Programs. Section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-336) added a new provision, Section 12(n) of the NSLA [42 USC 1760(n)], requiring SFAs to purchase domestically grown and processed foods, to the maximum extent practicable.

Section 12(n) of the NSLA defines “domestic commodity or product” as one that is produced and processed in the United States substantially (greater than 51%) using agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States.

There is two situations which may warrant a waiver to permit purchases of foreign food products include: 1) the product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of a satisfactory quality; and 2) competitive bids reveal the costs of a U.S. product is significantly higher than the foreign product.

If Vendor offers a non-American product, Vendor must list the product below. Product is subject to review by District. If District declines a waiver, product will be awarded to lowest priced item meeting award criteria. District’s decision on approval of foreign substitutions will be final.

Product Description	Country of Origin	Domestic Price	Non-American Price	Reason for Waiver

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name of Contractor

Date

Signature of Authorized Official

Title