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Dear Customer:

In 2006, Section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 added a provision requiring SFAs to purchase domestically grown and processed foods to the **maximum extent practicable**. The NSLA states that over 51% of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically. We, at Country Pure Foods, understand the importance of this provision, and utilize domestically grown products whenever possible.

However, certain juice products are unavailable in the United States (in sufficient quantities) and the final processed juice may contain less than 51% of domestically grown product. There are exceptions to the requirements of the Buy American provision that allow us to still sell juice under the Goodling Act. These exceptions to permit purchases are: 1) the product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of satisfactory quality; or 2) competitive bids reveal the costs of a U.S. product are significantly higher than the foreign product. While we do process all of our products in the United States, these two exceptions are the reason we cannot commit to always providing 51% or greater domestically grown product but still allow compliance.

We take the Buy American Act seriously, and will continue to follow the guidelines established by it, including the exceptions.

For more information on the Buy American Act, please see a memo dated February 3, 2016 from the USDA: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/cn/SP24-2016os.pdf>

Regards,

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^NSLA (Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act)