

IMPORT PRODUCTS/BUY AMERICAN ACT

The 1998 reauthorization of the National School Lunch Act requires school districts participating in the National School Meals Programs in the contiguous 48 states of the United States to buy food products produced in the United States (domestic) when using Federal Funds. Therefore, if there is a domestic and non-domestic product available, you must propose and supply domestic products. You may supply non-domestic products only when domestic products are unavailable. As defined in this legislation, a domestic food commodity is an agricultural commodity that is produced in the United States. A domestic food product is processed in the United States using substantially domestic agricultural commodities. Substantially means that over 51 percent of the finished product comes from American produced products. Implementing Federal Regulations are 7 CFR 210.21 and 220.16 published on September 20, 1999. You may be required to provide certification of domestic origin and content. You must certify that the majority of products you propose to supply meet the Federal Requirements in the “Buy American Acts” and stipulate which specific products are unavailable domestically. Exceptions to this rule are pineapple, mandarin oranges, olives, tuna fish, tea, spices and coffee. Products not in compliance with this section shall be in violation of the Federal “Buy American” policy. This purchasing requirement does not apply in instances when:

- a) The District/Cooperative has unusual or ethnic food preferences which can only be met through purchases of products not produced in the United States
- b) The product is not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable quantities of a satisfactory quality
- c) The cost of the US product is significantly higher than foreign products.

CERTIFICATE

I/We hereby certify that the

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Company Name	Address	City, State Zip Code	Phone Number
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Will abide with the Buy American Act and supply domestic products except in the authorized exceptions listed above.

List Non-Domestic Products proposed to be provided:

PRODUCT	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
Ardmore Farms 4 oz & 6 oz Apple Juice	USA, Argentina, Turkey, Spain, Poland, China, Chile
Ardmore Farms 4 oz & 6 oz Orange Juice	USA, Brazil, Belize, Mexico, Costa Rica
Ardmore Farms 4oz Pineapple Juice	Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia
Ardmore Farms 4 oz & 6 oz Grape Juice	USA, Chile, Argentina
<i>Country Pure Foods Buy American Provision attached</i>	