



## 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 using agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States. The legislation notes that "substantially" means that over 51% of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically.

There are 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.

Definition of end products is a two-part test to define end product: (1) the product must be manufactured in the United States; and (2) the cost of domestic components must exceed 50 percent of the cost of all the components.

We, Bongards Creameries, certify that our Cheese Products are made of at least 98% US content.

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