
Should Procurements comply with the Buy American Provision?

School Food Authorities (SFAs) must ensure that all procurements using funds from the nonprofit school food service account comply with the Buy American Provisions. This includes foods that are sold to students as a la carte food items.

How Can SFAs Ensure Compliance with the Buy American Provision?

Actions SFAs can take to ensure compliance with the Buy American Provision include:

- A Buy American clause in all procurement documents (product specifications, bid solicitations, requests for proposals, purchase orders, etc.)
- Monitoring contractor performance for compliance with the Buy American Provision
- Requiring suppliers to certify the origin of the product
- Examining product packaging for identification of the country of origin
- Requesting specific information from the supplier about the percentage of U.S. content in the food product

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