

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Section 1605 – Buy American (100% Domestic Content of items below)	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) 49 U.S.C. § 50101 – Buy American (see discretionary waiver when 60% Domestic Content of items below)	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 23 U.S.C. § 313 – Buy America; 23 C.F.R. § 635.410 (100% Domestic Content of items below)	Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) High Speed Rail Program 49 U.S.C. Chapters 244, 246; § 24405 – Buy America (100% Domestic Content of items below)	National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK) 49 U.S.C. § 24305	Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 49 U.S.C. § 5323(j); 49 C.F.R. Part 661 (Buy America Requirements); (See 60% Domestic Content for buses and other Rolling Stock)
<p><u>Buy American</u></p> <p>The Recovery Act prohibits use of recovery funds for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a <u>public building or public work</u> unless all of the <u>iron, steel, and manufactured goods</u> used in the project are produced in the United States.</p> <p><u>Waivers</u></p> <p>The head of the Federal department or agency finds that:</p> <p>(1) It would be inconsistent with the public interest;</p> <p>(2) Iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or</p> <p>(3) Inclusion of iron, steel, or manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.</p> <p><u>Other</u></p> <p><i>There are provisions in the Recovery Act for the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, and Federal Highway Administration to apply their own grant requirements, including Buy America(n).</i></p> <p><u>All waivers have to be posted</u> in Federal Register.</p> <p>U.S. international obligations (World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement, U.S. Free Trade Agreements, U.S.-EC Exchange of Letters [May 15, 1995], and Canada-U.S. Agreement on Government Procurement) apply.</p>	<p><u>Buy American</u></p> <p>The FAA will not obligate any funds authorized to be appropriated for any project unless <u>steel and manufactured products</u> used in such projects are produced in the United States.</p> <p><u>Waivers</u></p> <p>The Administrator has delegated authority to grant waivers to this requirement to Director of Acquisition and Contracting; Regional Administrators; and Center Directors upon finding that compliance with the Act would:</p> <p>(1) It would be inconsistent with the public interest;</p> <p>(2) The steel and goods produced in the United States are not produced in a sufficient and reasonably available amount or are not of a satisfactory quality;</p> <p>(3) When procuring a facility or equipment under the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982:</p> <p>(A) the cost of components and subcomponents produced in the United States is more than 60 percent of the cost of all components of the facility or equipment; and</p> <p>(B) final assembly of the facility or equipment has occurred in the United States; or</p> <p>(4) Including domestic material will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.</p> <p><u>Other</u></p> <p>Labor costs involved in final assembly are not included in calculating the cost of components.</p> <p>U.S. international obligations (World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement, U.S. Free Trade Agreements, U.S.-EC Exchange of Letters [May 15, 1995], and Canada-U.S. Agreement on Government Procurement) do not apply.</p>	<p><u>Buy America</u></p> <p>The Secretary of Transportation shall not obligate any funds unless <u>steel, iron, and manufactured products</u> used in such project are produced in the United States.</p> <p>Applies to iron and steel products and their coatings that are to be permanently incorporated into the project. The FHWA, in its 1983 rulemaking, determined that Buy America did not apply to raw materials and waived its application to manufactured products, although in the statute, based on the public interest. Lack of adequate domestic supply resulted in a 1995 nationwide waiver for iron ore, pig iron, and reduced/processed/pelletized iron ore. In 1994, a nationwide waiver for specific ferryboat parts came into effect.</p> <p><u>Waivers</u></p> <p>The Secretary of Transportation may waive the requirement if the Secretary finds that:</p> <p>(1) It would be inconsistent with the public interest;</p> <p>(2) Such materials and products are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or</p> <p>(3) Inclusion of domestic material will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent (this is a standing waiver codified in regulations when alternate bidding procedures are used).</p> <p><u>Other</u></p> <p>Labor costs involved in final assembly are not included in calculating the cost of components.</p> <p><u>All waivers have to be posted</u> in Federal Register. All proposed waivers are first posted on the FHWA's website for a 15-day comment period prior to publishing the final decision in the Federal Register.</p> <p>U.S. international obligations (World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement, U.S. Free Trade Agreements, U.S.-EC Exchange of Letters [May 15, 1995], and Canada-U.S. Agreement on Government Procurement) do not apply.</p>	<p><u>Buy America</u></p> <p>The Secretary of Transportation may obligate funds for a project only if the <u>steel, iron, and manufactured goods</u> used in the project are produced in the United States.</p> <p><u>Waivers</u></p> <p>The Secretary of Transportation may waive the requirement if the Secretary finds that:</p> <p>(1) It would be inconsistent with the public interest;</p> <p>(2) The steel, iron, and goods produced in the United States are not produced in a sufficient and reasonably available amount or are not of a satisfactory quality;</p> <p>(3) Rolling stock or power train equipment cannot be bought and delivered in the United States within a reasonable time; or</p> <p>(4) Including domestic material will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.</p> <p><u>Other</u></p> <p>The requirements only apply to projects for which the costs exceed \$100,000.</p> <p>Labor costs involved in final assembly are not included in calculating the cost of components.</p> <p><u>All waivers have to be posted</u> in Federal Register.</p> <p>U.S. international obligations (World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement, U.S. Free Trade Agreements, U.S.-EC Exchange of Letters [May 15, 1995], and Canada-U.S. Agreement on Government Procurement) do not apply.</p>	<p><u>Domestic Buying Preferences</u></p> <p>Amtrak shall buy only:</p> <p>(A) unmanufactured articles, material, and supplies mined or produced in the United States; or</p> <p>(B) manufactured articles, material, and supplies manufactured in the United States substantially from articles, material, and supplies mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States.</p> <p><u>Waivers</u></p> <p>The Secretary may exempt Amtrak from this subsection if the Secretary decides that:</p> <p>(A) for particular articles, material, or supplies--</p> <p>(i) the requirements are inconsistent with the public interest;</p> <p>(ii) the cost of imposing those requirements is unreasonable; or</p> <p>(iii) the articles, material, or supplies, or the articles, material, or supplies from which they are manufactured, are not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities and are not of a satisfactory quality; or</p> <p>(B) rolling stock or power train equipment cannot be bought and delivered in the United States within a reasonable time.</p> <p><u>Other</u></p> <p>The requirements apply only when the cost of those articles, material, or supplies bought is at least \$1 million.</p>	<p><u>Buy America</u></p> <p>No funds may be obligated by FTA for a grantee project unless all <u>iron, steel, and manufactured products</u> used in the project are produced in the United States.</p> <p><u>Waivers</u></p> <p>The Administrator may waive the general requirements if the Administrator finds that:</p> <p>(1) It would be inconsistent with the public interest;</p> <p>(2) The materials for which a waiver is requested are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality;</p> <p>(3) The inclusion of a domestic item or domestic material will increase the cost of the contract between the grantee and its supplier of that item or material by more than 25 percent.</p> <p><u>Rolling stock procurements</u></p> <p>(a) The Buy America provisions do not apply to the procurement of buses and other rolling stock (including train control, communication, and traction power equipment), if the cost of components produced in the United States is more than 60 percent of the cost of all components and final assembly takes place in the United States.</p> <p><u>Other</u></p> <p>Labor costs involved in final assembly are not included in calculating the cost of components.</p> <p><u>Post only "public interest" waivers</u> in Federal Register.</p> <p>U.S. international obligations (World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement, U.S. Free Trade Agreements, U.S.-EC Exchange of Letters [May 15, 1995], and Canada-U.S. Agreement on Government Procurement) do not apply.</p>