

## Buy American Exception Form

The Buy American provision stipulates that SFAs must, to the maximum extent practicable, purchase domestic commodities or products for use in the Child Nutrition Programs. This promotes the dual nature of the programs, which is to feed children healthy meals and to support American agriculture. There are two allowable exceptions to the Buy American Provision. Products that are significantly more expensive and products that are unavailable. This form is required to document the purchase of foreign food products being used in the federal Child Nutrition Programs, administered by the Vermont Agency of Education. Complete this sheet for each foreign food product purchased. This can be done once at the beginning of the year/the first time the product is purchased.

Product Name:

Purchase Unit: (example: case)

Estimated Annual Usage (How many purchase units?)

How many times it's used?

Bid Cost per Purchase Unit for Foreign Food Product:

Country or Countries of Origin for Foreign Food Product:

Estimated Annual Cost of Domestic Food Product

(Annual Usage X Bid Cost per Purchase Unit)

Is domestic more than foreign?

If yes, is cost difference significant?

If yes, are there alternatives to using the foreign product? Consider substituting a like product and/or seasonality:

After considering alternatives to the foreign food product, was it still purchased?

If yes, why?

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Signatures of Child Nutrition Authorized Purchaser

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Date