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USDA Buy American Provision – Quaker®/Pearl Milling Company™/Near East® Products

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (“NSLA”) contains a “Buy American” provision (Section 12(n)) essentially requiring that school food authorities (“SFAs”) purchase domestically grown and processed food products. The NSLA defines a “domestic” commodity or product as one that is produced and processed in the United States and substantially uses agricultural commodities that are also produced in the United States. USDA further relies on one of the reports accompanying the legislation to interpret the term “substantially,” as used above, to require that over 51% of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically.

There are two exceptions to the Buy America provision that allow for the purchase of products that do not meet the provision’s definition of a domestic product: 1) the product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality; or 2) competitive bids reveal the costs of a U.S. product are significantly higher than the non-domestic products.

As of the date set forth above, the products listed directly below are processed in our domestic facilities and have at least 51% U.S. content, and therefore qualify under the Richard B. Russell B. National School Lunch Act’s Buy American provision for purchasing food and food products used in the Child Nutrition Programs.

Quaker®/Pearl Milling Company™ Grits, Cornmeal, Masa Harina and Near East® Grains

04378/04160/04190	Quaker® Quick White Grits
26590/56198	Quaker® Instant Quick Grits Express – Butter
57377	Pearl Milling Company™ Old Fashioned Grits
04138/04760	Quaker® Instant Grits Original
03790	Quaker® Instant Grits Butter Flavored
57376	Pearl Milling Company™ Yellow Cornmeal
57020	Quaker® Enriched Yellow Cornmeal
03890/03888	Quaker® Masa Harina Preparada
02978	Quaker® Masa Harina
02053	Near East® Tabouleh
00030/00146	Near East® Spanish Rice Pilaf Mix
02052	Near East® Couscous
05014/02051	Near East® Rice Pilaf Mix
02066	Near East® Quinoa Rosemary & Olive Oil

Quaker® Rice Crisps and Large Rice Cakes

43381	Quaker® Rice Crisps Caramel Flavored
57759	Quaker® Rice Crisps Buttermilk Ranch Flavored
57758	Quaker® Rice Crisps Apple Cinnamon Flavored
16901	Quaker® Large Rice Cakes Plain Lightly Salted
16947	Quaker® Large Rice Cakes Chocolate
16900	Quaker® Large Rice Cakes Apple Cinnamon

Quaker® Chewy Granola Bars

31175	Quaker® Chewy Granola Bar Reduced Sugar Chocolate Chip (.84 oz.)
31180	Quaker® Chewy Granola Bar Oatmeal Raisin (.84 oz.)
31181	Quaker® Chewy Granola Bar S’Mores (.84 oz.)

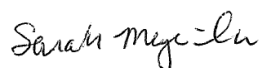
31186	Quaker® Chewy Granola Bar Dark Chocolate Chunk (.84 oz.)
57851	Quaker® Chewy Granola Bar Snickerdoodle Cookie Dough (.84 oz.)

As of the date set forth above, the products listed directly below are processed in our domestic facilities; however, raw oats are not available in the U.S. in sufficient quantities and of a satisfactory quality to support commercial demand.¹

Quaker® Oats, Instant Quick Oats, Ready-to-Eat Cereal

43661	Quaker® Instant Oatmeal Regular/Original Flavor Box
56729	Quaker® Instant Oatmeal Apples & Cinnamon
43285	Quaker® Quick Oats Canister
43293	Quaker® Old Fashioned Oats Canister
43269	Quaker® Steam Table/Kettle Hearty Oats Canister
56543	Quaker® Steel Cut Oats Canister
32093	Quaker® Steel Cut Quick Oats Canister
20124	Buckeye Old Fashioned Oats Bag - Bulk
20164	Buckeye Quick Rolled Oats Bag - Bulk
31973	Oatmeal Express Cup Apples & Cinnamon – 24 ct.
56208	Quaker® Instant Oatmeal Express Cup Apples & Cinnamon – 12 ct.
56205	Quaker® Instant Oatmeal Express Cup Honey & Almonds
56211	Quaker® Instant Oatmeal Express Cup Apples & Cranberry
43141/06119	Life® Cereal Regular/Original
06083	Life® Cereal Cinnamon

I verify the information above is accurate.



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*1. See USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Compliance with and Enforcement of the Buy American Provision in the National School Lunch Program, June 30, 2017, <https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/cn/SP38-2017os.pdf> (**Exception 1** from the Buy American provision when an agricultural commodity is not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality).*