



THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE FACTS ABOUT BUY AMERICAN (BA) PROVISIONS:

- BA provisions are legal and comply with international trade agreements.
- BA provisions are widely supported and demanded by most American voters and taxpayers.
- BA provisions ensure that the highest quality and necessary environmental standards are met.
- BA provisions have proven to create and/or save local jobs and to be a positive impact on local economies.
- BA provisions always include safeguards for local governments and do NOT require these entities to simply go without certain products if domestic equivalents do not exist or meet other specifications.
- BA provisions strengthen our national security by providing a greater domestic workforce and decrease our reliance on foreign goods and materials.
- BA provisions keep more of our U.S. tax dollars at home.

PURCHASING IMPORTED PRODUCTS BASED SOLELY ON PRICE IS RISKY BUSINESS

DOMESTIC VS. FOREIGN

DOMESTIC

You know what you're getting:

Most domestic manufacturers test, inspect and verify their products along every step of the process—from the incoming raw materials to the finished product ready for shipment.

You know who you're getting your products from: In the rare case of problems, you always know who actually manufactured your products and who to hold accountable.

The federal government is on your side: Federal agencies exist to uphold and enforce product quality standards.

FOREIGN

You might have no idea what you're getting: Foreign products are notorious for a lack of information about the raw materials and production methods used to create them.

You may never be able to find out who exactly produced the products: Because it is often hard to determine the ownership of many foreign factories, holding them accountable for problems can be very difficult, if not impossible.

Foreign governments are on their side: Far too often, investigations attempting to track the source of a foreign product can be delayed and stalled in a labyrinth of corporate bureaucracies aided and abetted by its manufacturer's foreign government.