



THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC IRON AND STEEL PROVISIONS

- Domestic provisions are widely supported and demanded by most American voters and taxpayers.
- Domestic 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.
- Domestic requirements are the last true bi-partisan issue in DC. Over the past 100 years, Republicans and Democrats in the White House and Congress continue to preserve, expand and create new requirements to purchase products made in the USA. This includes provisions requiring domestic products to be used in almost all federally funding infrastructure projects such as:
 - The Buy American Act (BAA)
 - American Iron and Steel (AIS)
 - Buy America (BA)
 - Build America, Buy America (BABA)
- Domestic provisions have proven to create and/or save local jobs and to be a positive impact on local economies.
- Domestic provisions are legal and comply with international trade agreements.
- Domestic provisions ensure that the highest quality and necessary environmental standards are met.
- Domestic provisions strengthen our national security by providing a greater domestic workforce and decrease our reliance on foreign goods and materials.
- Domestic provisions keep more of our U.S. tax dollars at home.
- Domestic requirements DO NOT:
 - Increase the cost of projects
 - Slow projects down
 - Prevent project completion

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.