

Social Security Administration's
Report on Acquisitions of Articles, Materials, and Supplies Manufactured
in Foreign Countries for Fiscal Year 2008

A. The dollar value of any articles, materials, or supplies that were manufactured outside of the United States is broken down on the attached spreadsheet as follows and summarized at paragraph B. 2 below.

1. Tab A - Itemized list of all waivers granted under the Trade Agreements Act¹ (19 U.S.C. 2501) with respect to such articles, materials, or supplies under the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10a et seq.). -- See Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 25.402 (a) (1).

TOTAL: \$997,031.30

2. Tab B - Commercial information technology -- Exception at FAR 25.103(e) which implements Section 535(a) of Division F, Title V, Consolidated Appropriations Act 2004, and similar sections in subsequent appropriations acts (FAR 25.103(e)).

TOTAL: \$20,485,431.22

3. Tab C - Itemized list of articles, materials, or supplies that were acquired from entities that manufacture articles, materials, or supplies outside the United States, subject to an exception under 41 U.S.C. 10a (a) and FAR 25.103. We acquired these foreign manufactured end products primarily because domestic products were unavailable.

TOTAL: \$11,874.30

B. Summary

1. The total procurement funds expended on articles, materials, and supplies manufactured inside the United States is \$153,678,774.
2. The total procurement funds expended on articles, materials, and supplies manufactured outside of the United States is \$21,494,337.



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¹ Provides the authority for the President to waive the Buy American Act and other discriminatory provisions for eligible products from countries that have signed an international trade agreement with the United States, or meet certain other criteria, such as being a least developed country. The President has delegated this waiver authority to the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). In acquisitions covered by the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Act, Free Trade Agreements, or the Israeli Trade Act, the USTR has waived the Buy American Act and other similar provisions for eligible products. Offers of eligible products receive equal consideration with domestic offers.