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Subject: Buy American Requirement: Reminder

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS (Child Nutrition Programs) - Colorado ED, Colorado DH, Colorado SS, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri ED, Missouri DH, Montana OPI, Montana DHES, Nebraska ED, Nebraska SS, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming ED, Wyoming DHSS

This memorandum follows up the very recent reminder of the "Buy American Requirement" issued to those State Agencies (SAs) in the Region which administer the National School Lunch, School Breakfast and the Special Milk Programs. The "Buy American Requirement--A Reminder" memorandum (SP 94-75, dated September 8, 1994) is aimed at those SAs administering school feeding programs because our National Office learned that some school food authorities recently have been found to have purchased foreign foods in violation of the "Buy American" requirement.

However, we also wish to emphasize that the "Buy American" requirement applies to all recipient agencies operating any of the Child Nutrition Programs, including the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program. Therefore, we have issued this memorandum to make this additional emphasis, and have included as an attachment a copy of memorandum SP 94-75 for those SAs who were not sent a copy from our office previously. We request that you remind all agencies with whom you have agreements to operate any of the Child Nutrition Programs to adhere to the "Buy American" requirement.

If you have any questions, please call our office.

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Attachment