



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
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Washington, D.C. 20230

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The Honorable Edolphus Towns  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the report to Congress on Acquisitions of Articles, Materials, and Supplies Manufactured Outside the United States in Fiscal Year 2008. This report is provided in response to Section 8306 of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act [Pub. L. 110-28], which amended the Buy American Act [41 U.S.C. 10(a)] to require a report to Congress on the amount of acquisitions made by the agency from entities that manufacture end products outside the United States.

The report includes: a) the dollar value of any articles, materials, or supplies that were manufactured outside the United States; b) an itemized list of all waivers granted with respect to such articles, materials or supplies under the Act, and a citation to the treaty, international agreement, or other law under which each waiver was granted; c) if the articles, materials, or supplies were acquired from entities that manufacture articles, materials, or supplies outside the United States, the specific exception under this section that was used to purchase such articles, materials, or supplies; and d) a summary of (i) the total procurement funds expended on the articles, materials and supplies manufactured inside the United States and (ii) the total procurement funds expended on articles materials, and supplies manufactured outside the United States.

Information for this report was obtained through the Federal Procurement Data System.

Please contact me at (202) 482-4248 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of the Department of Commerce and its programs.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Hurcombe".

Helen Hurcombe  
Senior Procurement Executive and  
Director for Acquisition Management

Enclosure

**REPORT TO CONGRESS ON ACQUISITIONS OF ARTICLES,  
MATERIALS, AND SUPPLIES  
MANUFACTURED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES  
IN FISCAL YEAR 2008\***

1. Dollar value of any articles, materials, or supplies that were manufactured outside the United States:

**\$ 1,219,882**

2. An itemized list of all waivers granted with respect to such articles, materials, or supplies under this Act, and a citation to the treaty, international agreement, or other law under which each waiver was granted:

**No waivers were required or granted under existing Federal Acquisition exceptions;**

3. If any articles, materials, or supplies were acquired from entities that manufacture articles, materials, or supplies outside the United States, the specific exception under this Section that was used to purchase such articles, materials, or supplies:

**Exceptions used include: Unreasonable Cost of Domestic End Products; Trade Agreements; Commercial Information Technology; and Domestic non-availability**

4. Summary:

- (i) Total procurement funds expended on articles, materials, and supplies manufactured inside the United States;

**\$ 16,784,752**

- (ii) Total procurement funds expended on articles, materials, and Supplies manufactured outside the United States.

**\$ 1,219,882**

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\*Note: Data for this report was obtained from the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) and validated internally