

Attribute Recommendations Related to Buy American Provisions for USDA School Meals Programs

To support Buy American requirements for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) School Meal Programs, it is recommended that specific data fields be used to share information with trading partners. For users of the Global Data Synchronization Network™ (GDSN®), a code value has been created to notify recipients of the status of the trade item.

Attribute: Regulation Type Code List

Code Value: BUY_AMERICAN_PROVISION_USDA

Name: Buy American Provision USDA

Definition: USDA administers a Buy American provision requiring school food authorities to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products. Program regulations establish if a commodity or product is considered domestic for these purposes, as well as exceptions under certain circumstances.

**Please note: There is also a separate BUY_AMERICAN_ACT code value available in GDSN, which does not apply for this purpose. The Buy American Act code value should only be used when sharing information with your recipient related to broader Buy American Act requirements, when relevant. BUY_AMERICAN_PROVISION_USDA should be used to share information related to USDA Buy American requirements for School Meal Programs.*

This newly created code value can be located in the **(BMS # 3070) Regulation Type Code List**. In addition, the following attributes are recommended when using the Buy American Provision USDA code value:

1. Trade Item is Eligible for USDA School Meal Programs

ATTRIBUTE	SELECTIONS
RegulationTypeCode	BUY_AMERICAN_PROVISION_USDA
IsTradeItemRegulationCompliant	TRUE NOT_APPLICABLE UNSPECIFIED

If required by your trading partner, please share certification documentation, using the following attributes:

ATTRIBUTE	SELECTIONS
ReferencedFileTypeCode	CERTIFICATION
contentDescription	I.E, "Buy American Provisions- Country of Origin Certificate"
uniformResourceIdentifier	Link to the document or attachment as available by the solution provider

2. Trade Item is Not Eligible for the USDA School Meal Programs

ATTRIBUTE	SELECTIONS
RegulationTypeCode	BUY_AMERICAN_PROVISION_USDA
IsTradeItemRegulationCompliant	TRUE NOT_APPLICABLE UNSPECIFIED

If requested by your trading partner, please share additional information, using the following attributes:

ATTRIBUTE	SELECTIONS
ReferencedFileTypeCode	DOCUMENT
contentDescription	I.E, "Buy American Provisions- Additional Information"
uniformResourceIdentifier	Link to the document or attachment as available by the solution provider

3. Eligibility Information is Not Available for USDA School Meal Programs

ATTRIBUTE	SELECTIONS
RegulationTypeCode	BUY_AMERICAN_PROVISION_USDA
IsTradeItemRegulationCompliant	TRUE NOT_APPLICABLE UNSPECIFIED

If your trade item is still being assessed or information is not available, suppliers can share additional information, if available, using the following attributes:

ATTRIBUTE	SELECTIONS
ReferencedFileTypeCode	DOCUMENT
contentDescription	I.E, "Buy American Provisions- Additional Information or Buy American Provisions Assessment Update"
uniformResourceIdentifier	Link to the document or attachment as available by the solution provider

Things to Know

- Please include "Buy American Provisions" in your content description title for easy identification in GDSN and recipients' IT systems.
- Additional information may be required by your customer. Please contact your solution provider for the best attributes to leverage.
- Attribute names may slightly differ by solution provider.
- Specific information regarding trade items, detailed eligibility information, and exemptions can be shared via the documents referenced above. However, please contact your customer for further instructions.
- When listing multiple regulations, please follow the publishing structure recommended in section 40 of the [GDSN Trade Item Implementation Guideline](#).



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