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USDA Buy American Provision –Quaker Products

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (“NSLA”) contains a “Buy American” provision (Section 12(n)) essentially requiring that school food authorities (“SFAs”) purchase domestically grown and processed food products. The NSLA defines a “domestic” commodity or product as one that is produced and processed in the United States *and* substantially uses agricultural commodities that are also produced in the United States. USDA further relies on one of the reports accompanying the legislation to interpret the term “substantially,” as used above, to require that over 51% of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically.

The purpose of this letter is to provide a certification, made in good-faith, that as of February 8, 2018, the following Quaker Products are being produced domestically and have at least 51% US content:

27325	Quaker Breakfast Cookies Oatmeal Raisin
56089	Quaker Breakfast Flats Banana Honey
56100	Quaker Breakfast Flats Cranberry Almond

There are two exceptions to the Buy America provision that allow for the purchase of products that do not meet the provision’s definition of a domestic product: 1) the product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in a sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality; or 2) competitive bids reveal the costs of a US product are significantly higher than the non-domestic products.

As of the date set forth above, the products listed below are manufactured in our domestic facilities; however, **we cannot certify that they have at least 51% US content.**

Quaker Chewy Granola Bars

31441	Maple Brown Sugar Chewy Granola Bar
31175	Reduced Sugar Chocolate Chip Chewy Granola Bars
31186	90 Calorie Chocolate Chunk Chewy Granola Bar
56587	Chocolate Chunk Chewy Granola Bar (1.37 oz.)
31184	Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Chewy Granola Bar
31181	S’Mores Chewy Granola Bar
32249	Thin Mints Chewy Granola Bars
31187	Reduced Sugar Cookies and Cream Chewy Granola Bars
56586	Reduced Sugar Cookies and Cream Chewy Granola Bars (1.42 oz.)
31176	Reduced Sugar Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip
31180	Oatmeal Raisin Chewy Granola Bars
56111	Chewy Snackwich Bars Apple and Cinnamon

Quaker Oats and Instant Quick Oats

43661	Instant Oatmeal Regular Flavor
31678	Instant Oatmeal Apples and Cinnamon
31208	Instant Oatmeal Cinnamon Spice
43665	Instant Oatmeal Maple Brown Sugar
31957	Instant Oatmeal Express Honey & Almond
31973/56208	Instant Oatmeal Express Apples & Cinnamon
31684	Instant Oatmeal VP (4 MBS, 2 CINN SPICE, 4 APPLE CINN)
31682	Instant Oatmeal VP (20 MBS,12 CINN SPICE, 16 APPLE CINN, 16 REG)
43285	Quick Oats
43293	Old Fashioned Oats
20124	Buckeye Old Fashioned Oats
20164	Buckeye Quick Rolled Oats
32063	Steel Cut Steel Cut Oats
32093	Steel Cut Quick Oats

I verify the information is accurate.

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