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USDA Buy American Provision – Tropicana Products

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (“NSLA”) contains a “Buy American” provision (Section 12(n)) requiring that school food authorities purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestically grown and processed food products. The NSLA defines a “domestic” product as one that is 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.

There are two exceptions to the Buy American 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 U.S. product are significantly higher than the non-domestic product.

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. The juices and concentrates used in the Tropicana Shelf Stable K-12 products below may be sourced outside of the US. The demand for fruit juices is high and we, along with other juice manufacturers are not able to source all of our juices and concentrates locally at a reasonable cost.

Tropicana Shelf Stable K-12 Juices


Tropicana® Apple Juice 4.23 oz. carton	(20209)
Tropicana® Orange Juice – 4.23 oz. carton	(20208)
Tropicana® Strawberry Kiwi – 4.23 oz. carton	(20207)
Tropicana® Orange Juice – 10 oz.	(75715)
Tropicana® Ruby Red Grapefruit Juice – 10 oz.	(75716)
Tropicana® Apple Juice – 10 oz.	(75717)
Tropicana® Fruit Medley – 10 oz.	(02145)
Tropicana® Strawberry Orange – 10 oz.	(02146)
Tropicana® Strawberry Kiwi – 10 oz.	(02144)

Tropicana Chilled K-12 Juices

The majority of the oranges used in the Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice products shown below are sourced in the US. There may be instances where we cannot source the orange juice locally due to juice shortages and crop damage inflicted by the hurricane season and other natural disasters.

Tropicana® Pure Premium Orange Juice – 6 oz. carton	(00280)
Tropicana® Pure Premium Orange Juice –8 oz. carton	(00629)
Tropicana® Pure Premium Orange Juice – 10 oz. carton	(00281)
Tropicana® Pure Premium Orange Juice – 12 oz. bottle	(01775)

I verify the above information is accurate.


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