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## “Buy America” and “Buy American” Requirements for Steel Framing

In the steel framing industry, what is often referred to as “Buy America” or “Buy American” in regards to government contracts is really a multitude of regulatory requirements.

Typically “**Buy American**” refers to the *Buy American Act of 1933 (BAA)*, and the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)*, both of which can apply to a project independently or concurrently. The BAA and the ARRA also may be modified by the Trade Agreements Act (TAA). List as follows:

1. Buy American Act of 1933 (BAA)
2. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)
3. Trade Agreements Act (TAA)

Typically “**Buy America**” refers to the *Buy America, Surface Transportation Act of 1982*. However there are five other regulations with very similar provisions that are commonly referred to as “Buy America”. List as follows:

1. Buy America, Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (STAA)
2. American Iron and Steel Requirements (AIS) (part of Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014)
3. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (49 U.S.C. 50101)
4. Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) (49 U.S.C. 24405)
5. National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK) (49 U.S.C. 24305)
6. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (49 U.S.C. 5323)

**To meet these requirements we will need to know the following information BEFORE we process the order:**

- Which regulatory requirements listed above apply to this project? (Check mark the appropriate regulation(s) and fax/email along with your order so we can meet your project needs)
- Complete the Project Information Table on page 2 below.
- Email both pages to [support@clarkdietrich.com](mailto:support@clarkdietrich.com) and/or your ClarkDietrich representative.

As you can see, these are very complex regulatory requirements and we will need more information than just “Buy America” or “Buy American” to make sure we fulfill your order correctly. If you have questions or comments please contact our Technical Services Department at 888-437-3244.

NOTE: If you cannot supply us with this information, the only way we can certify that the steel meets the prerequisites is to supply you with steel framing that complies with the most demanding requirements of any regulatory act above.

Best Regards,

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## Project Information Table

Status (check current stage):	Quoted,	Ordered,	Delivered
Project Name:			
Project Address:			
Distributor: Name:			
Address:			
Phone:			
E-mail:			
Contractor: Name:			
Address:			
Phone:			
E-mail:			
General Notes or Comments			