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REGARDING: **“Buy AmericaN” Requirements for Steel Framing**

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)

These regulations require 100% domestic made steel, meaning that all steel making processes, excluding the extraction and mining of the raw materials must take place in the United States, unless the TAA or other exclusions apply. You can find more information on the steel making process here: [Steelmaking - worldsteel.org](https://www.worldsteel.org/en/don%E2%80%99t-panic-what-is-steel-making/). Note that ClarkDietrich is not a steel mill, we purchase hot rolled finished and coated coils from steel mills, which we use to manufacture our cold-formed steel framing products in plants that are located in the United States.

Generally, ClarkDietrich can fulfil all **Buy AmericaN** orders. Occasionally, due to the vast number of gauges, and skews associated with a project, we may not have all the proper coils in stock at your desired location. In this case, special order coils will need to be purchased, which could cause longer lead times and upcharges for those specific products.

NOTE: For ClarkDietrich to supply Buy AmericaN compliant steel, this will need to be communicated to us when requesting a quotation or placing an order so we can Red Flag your order and apply the proper coils to the order. For verification, Steel Mill Certificates can be supplied after the order has been produced.

Best Regards,

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