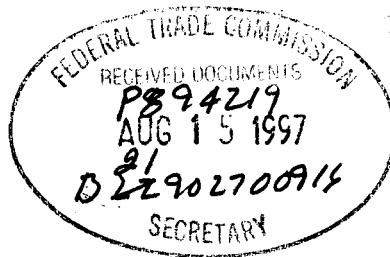


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To whom it may concern

The Federal government has a fundamental responsibility to protect the sovereignty and welfare of the United States. It is not responsible for the economic welfare of other nations. The government has a fundamental responsibility to protect American jobs. It must put America first. After all it is put in place by the people of the United States and is funded by their hard earned tax dollars.

So it is honest and patriotic and furthers the welfare of the people of the United States to encourage the purchase of 100% Made in the USA products. You cannot in good conscience change the requirements to allow the 'Made in USA' label to be put on any product that is not 100% made in the USA.

The manufacturers who are pushing for a relaxing of the requirements do not have the good of the United States in mind. They equate their own financial success with the good of America, which is not necessarily so. No good comes to a nation when the ports of other countries are used to manufacture products at a fraction of the cost of labor here in the United States and then the products sold in the United States for a huge profit to the owners and stock holders. In fact the current economic 'boom' we are experiencing is a facade that will soon collapse with great damage to Americans economic structure. Our inflation is low because slave labor is used to fuel the consumer manufacturing market and the products are sold at near the cost of when they were made in the United States. The result is an appearance of economic growth with stocks soaring and investors entering the market in record numbers. But the resultant over-inflated market needs only to fall a few thousand points for economic ruin to come to millions of investors. As foreign labor costs increase and American buying power continues to decrease, a collapse of the market will occur. And since our government has encouraged American manufacturers to move overseas, we will not be able to recover. Of course many in Washington are smarter than me and have seen and even planned this for a long time.

Anyway, please keep 'Made in USA', to mean what it says -
100% made in USA.

Thanks
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