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Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
706 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-115 Section 837), the head of each Federal agency is required to submit a report to Congress on the amount of acquisitions made by the agency from entities that manufacture the articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States. This letter provides information for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) acquisitions for fiscal years (FY) 2006 and 2007.

Information on USDA's FY 2006 and 2007 acquisitions is reported to the Federal Procurement Data System- Next Generation (FPDS-NG); the Federal procurement spending database used government wide. USDA reviewed the following data within FPDS-NG, which indicates the following:

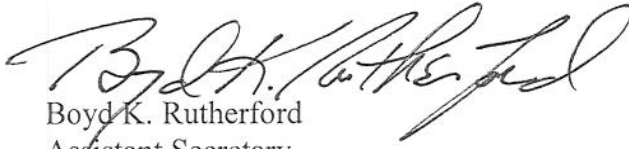
1. During FY 2006, USDA had a total expenditure of \$12,705,213 in products manufactured outside of the United States. During FY 2007, USDA had a total expenditure of \$7,811,926 in products manufactured outside the United States.
2. There were no waivers granted with respect to such articles, materials, or supplies under the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10a et seq.) for FY 2006 and 2007.
3. Total USDA procurement funds spent on goods manufactured in the United States for FY 2006, \$2,417,916,420 and \$12,705,213 on goods manufactured outside the United States. Total USDA procurement funds spent on goods manufactured in the United States for FY 2007, \$2,663,738,657 and \$7,811,926 on goods manufactured outside the United States.

As required, this report will be made available for public viewing on our website at <http://www.usda.gov/procurement/>

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Please feel free to contact me at (202) 720-3291 with any questions you may have regarding our results, or have your staff contact Todd Repass, Departmental Administration, at (202) 690-1060 or todd.repass@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Boyd K. Rutherford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Boyd K. Rutherford
Assistant Secretary
for Administration