

The Airport and Airways Facilities Improvement Act authorizes the Federal Aviation Administration to grant funds to state, local, and private organizations to build and improve airports and related facilities, navigation and communications equipment. The Act requires that all facilities and equipment purchased with such funds contain a minimum of 60 per cent U.S. materials, and final assembly of the goods or systems must take place in the United States. This requirement is a barrier to Canadian suppliers of electronics, navigation, telecommunications, and computer equipment; microwave landing systems; road clearing and maintenance equipment.

The Rural Electrification Administration Act requires co-operatives that receive REA loans or grants to apply the Buy American Act to all equipment purchased for the provision of electrical services.

The Foreign Relations Act requires 55 per cent American content on all Voice of America modernization contracts, and has restricted the use of Canadian antennae, transmitters, and related telecommunications equipment.

The Foreign Assistance Act prohibits use of U.S. funds (including foreign military sales) for procurement from foreign sources unless the President determines that such procurement will not adversely affect the U.S. economy or industrial base.

The Emergency Food Assistance Act and other legislation related to government support of human feeding programs require that recipient agencies purchase, wherever possible, only food products that have been produced in the United States.

New In 1992: the 102nd Congress included Buy American requirements in the:

- U.S. Technology and Pre-eminence Authorization Act;
- Small Business Credit and Business Opportunities Enhancement Act;
- Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act;
- NASA Authorization Act;
- High Performance Computing Act of 1991; and
- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act.