



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009:  
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SEC. 1605.

**USE OF AMERICAN IRON, STEEL, AND MANUFACTURED GOODS.**

- (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States.
- (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or category of cases in which the head of the Federal department or agency involved finds that—
- (1) applying subsection (a) would be inconsistent with the public interest;
  - (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or
  - (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.
- (c) If the head of a Federal department or agency determines that it is necessary to waive the application of subsection (a) based on a finding under subsection (b), the head of the department or agency shall publish in the Federal Register a detailed written justification as to why the provision is being waived.
- (d) This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements.