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## **BUY AMERICAN CERTIFICATION**

Section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 requires schools and institutions participating in the NSLP and SBP in the contiguous United States to purchase to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products for use in meals served under the program.

The legislation defines "domestic commodity or product" as one that is produced in the United States and is processed in the United States, substantially using agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States.

We, Gregory Packaging, Inc.; certify that the Suncup™ Juice products are 100% produced and packaged in the U.S., in our own facilities located in Newark, NJ; Ewing, NJ; Newnan, GA; and Phoenix, AZ. Our 100% juice may contain domestic and/or imported juice concentrates, as a portion of the ingredients based on availability and cost of ingredients. No Suncup Juice products are produced outside of the U.S.

All Suncup™ Juice products meet the "Limited Exceptions" clause as identified in SP14-2012, "Procurement Questions Relevant to the Buy American Provision", and as clarified in USDA Memos SP 24-2016 and SP 38- 2017 "Compliance with and Enforcement of the Buy American Provision in the National School Lunch Program":

"There are limited exceptions to the Buy American provision which allow for the purchase of foods not meeting the "domestic" standard..., in circumstances when use of domestic products is truly not practicable. These exceptions, as determined by the SFA, are":

- "The product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of a satisfactory quality." All Suncup 100% Juice is made in the U.S.
- "Competitive bids reveal the costs of a U.S. product are significantly higher than the non-domestic product." Suncup 100% Juice is made utilizing juice concentrates from domestic sources when available and/or imported juice concentrates where domestic cost-effective sources do not exist.

Per SP 24-2016 and SP 38-2017, SFA's using one of the above exceptions, will not need to request a waiver in order to purchase a non-domestic product. SFA's must, however, keep this documentation justifying the exception(s).

Products included under this are referenced on the attached product list.

Regards:

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