



Quality Tube Holdings Inc. conduit products are “Buy American” compliant

Quality Tube Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation, provides EMT, GRC, IMC, & ARC produced in Mexico under the trade names of Quality Tube, & Pytco SA de CV. There should be no concern regarding whether buying Mexican steel is in accordance with the recommendations and specifications of the Federal Acquisition Regulation Act (“FAR Act”), sometimes known as the “Buy American Act.” We are compliant in both the letter and spirit of these regulations. We have highlighted the relevant parts of the FAR Act that might apply to your specific purchase, below.

FAR Act

Paragraph 25.202 Exceptions

(a) When one of the following exceptions applies, the contracting officer may acquire foreign construction materials without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act:

(1) Impracticable or inconsistent with public interest. The head of the agency may determine that application of the restrictions of the Buy American Act to a particular construction material* would be impracticable or would be inconsistent with the public interest. ***The public interest exception applies when an agency has an agreement with a foreign government that provides a blanket exception to the Buy American Act.****

***The USMCA agreement with Mexico falls under this exception**

<https://www.acquisition.gov/far/subpart-25.2>

Paragraph 25.402 General

(a) The value of the acquisition is a determining factor in the applicability of trade agreements. Most of these dollar thresholds are subject to revision by the U.S. Trade Representative approximately every 2 years. The various thresholds are summarized as follows:

Table 1 to Paragraph (b)

Trade Agreement	Supply Contract (equal to or exceeding)	Service Contract (equal to or exceeding)	Construction Contract (equal to or exceeding)
USMCA			
-Mexico	92,319	92,319	12,001,460

<https://www.acquisition.gov/far/subpart-25.4>

Paragraph 52.225-10 Notice of Buy American Requirement-Construction Materials* (a)

Definitions. “Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item,” “construction material,” “domestic construction material,” and “foreign construction material,” as used in this provision, are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Construction Materials” (Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause [52.225-9](#)).