

**§ 453b. Requirement to buy certain items related to national security interests from American sources; exceptions**

**(a) Requirement**

Except as provided in subsections (c) through (g), funds appropriated or otherwise available to the Department of Homeland Security may not be used for the procurement of an item described in subsection (b) if the item is not grown, reprocessed, reused, or produced in the United States.

**(b) Covered items**

An item referred to in subsection (a) is any of the following, if the item is directly related to the national security interests of the United States:

(1)<sup>1</sup> An article or item of—

(A) clothing and the materials and components thereof, other than sensors, electronics, or other items added to, and not normally associated with, clothing (and the materials and components thereof);

(B) tents, tarpaulins, covers, textile belts, bags, protective equipment (including but not limited to body armor), sleep systems, load carrying equipment (including but not limited to fieldpacks), textile marine equipment, parachutes, or bandages;

(C) cotton and other natural fiber products, woven silk or woven silk blends, spun silk yarn for cartridge cloth, synthetic fabric or coated synthetic fabric (including all textile fibers and yarns that are for use in such fabrics), canvas products, or wool (whether in the form of fiber or yarn or contained in fabrics, materials, or manufactured articles); or

(D) any item of individual equipment manufactured from or containing such fibers, yarns, fabrics, or materials.

**(c) Availability exception**

Subsection (a) does not apply to the extent that the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that satisfactory quality and sufficient quantity of any such article or item described in subsection (b)(1) grown, reprocessed, reused, or produced in the United States cannot be procured as and when needed at United States market prices. This section is not applicable to covered items that are, or include, materials determined to be non-available in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation 25.104 Nonavailable Articles.

**(d) De minimis exception**

Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security may accept delivery of an item covered by subsection (b) that contains non-compliant fibers if the total value of non-compliant fibers contained in the end item does not exceed 10 percent of the total purchase price of the end item.

**(e) Exception for certain procurements outside the United States**

Subsection (a) does not apply to the following:

(1) Procurements by vessels in foreign waters.

(2) Emergency procurements.

**(f) Exception for small purchases**

Subsection (a) does not apply to purchases for amounts not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold referred to in section 3205 of title 10.

**(g) Applicability to contracts and subcontracts for procurement of commercial products**

This section is applicable to contracts and subcontracts for the procurement of commercial products notwithstanding section 1906 of title 41, with the exception of commercial products listed under subsections (b)(1)(C) and (b)(1)(D) above. For the purposes of this section, “commercial product” shall be as defined in section 103 of title 41.

**(h) Geographic coverage**

In this section, the term “United States” includes the possessions of the United States.

**(i) Notification required within 7 days after contract award if certain exceptions applied**

In the case of any contract for the procurement of an item described in subsection (b)(1), if the Secretary of Homeland Security applies an exception set forth in subsection (c) with respect to that contract, the Secretary shall, not later than 7 days after the award of the contract, post a notification that the exception has been applied on the Internet site maintained by the General Services Administration known as FedBizOps.gov (or any successor site).

**(j) Training during fiscal year 2009**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that each member of the acquisition workforce in the Department of Homeland Security who participates personally and substantially in the acquisition of textiles on a regular basis receives training during fiscal year 2009 on the requirements of this section and the regulations implementing this section.

**(2) Inclusion of information in new training programs**

The Secretary shall ensure that any training program for the acquisition workforce developed or implemented after February 17, 2009, includes comprehensive information on the requirements described in paragraph (1).

**(k) Consistency with international agreements**

This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements.

**(l) Effective date**

This section applies with respect to contracts entered into by the Department of Homeland Security 180 days after February 17, 2009.

(Pub. L. 111–5, div. A, title VI, § 604, Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 165; Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, § 836(g)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1872; Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title XVII, § 1702(c)(5), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2156.)

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**CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and not as part of

<sup>1</sup> So in original. No par. (2) has been enacted.

the Homeland Security Act of 2002 which comprises this chapter.

#### AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 117-81 substituted “section 3205” for “section 2304(g)”.

2018—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 115-232 substituted “commercial products” for “commercial items” in heading and, in text, substituted “procurement of commercial products notwithstanding section 1906 of title 41, with the exception of commercial products listed” for “procurement of commercial items not withstanding section 34 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 430), with the exception of commercial items listed” and “‘commercial product’ shall be as defined in section 103 of title 41.” for “‘commercial’ shall be as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation—Part 2.”

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT; SAVINGS PROVISION

Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §836(h), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1874, provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a) through (g) [see Tables for classification] shall take effect on January 1, 2020. Any provision of law that on the day before such effective date is on a list of provisions of law included in the Federal Acquisition Regulation pursuant to section 1907 of title 41, United States Code, shall be deemed as of that effective date to be on a list of provisions of law included in the Federal Acquisition Regulation pursuant to section 1906 of such title.”

#### § 453c. Disposition of equines unfit for service

None of the funds made available in this or any other Act for fiscal year 2012 and thereafter may be used to destroy or put out to pasture any horse or other equine belonging to any component or agency of the Department of Homeland Security that has become unfit for service, unless the trainer or handler is first given the option to take possession of the equine through an adoption program that has safeguards against slaughter and inhumane treatment.

(Pub. L. 112-74, div. D, title V, §526, Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 974.)

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##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, means div. D of Pub. L. 112-74, Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 943, known as the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

##### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012, and also as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, and not as part of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 which comprises this chapter.

#### § 454. Future Years Homeland Security Program

##### (a) In general

Each budget request submitted to Congress for the Department under section 1105 of title 31 shall, at or about the same time, be accompanied by a Future Years Homeland Security Program.

##### (b) Contents

The Future Years Homeland Security Program under subsection (a) shall—

(1) include the same type of information, organizational structure, and level of detail as the future years defense program submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense under section 221 of title 10;

(2) set forth the homeland security strategy of the Department, which shall be developed and updated as appropriate annually by the Secretary, that was used to develop program planning guidance for the Future Years Homeland Security Program; and

(3) include an explanation of how the resource allocations included in the Future Years Homeland Security Program correlate to the homeland security strategy set forth under paragraph (2).

##### (c) Effective date

This section shall take effect with respect to the preparation and submission of the fiscal year 2005 budget request for the Department and for any subsequent fiscal year, except that the first Future Years Homeland Security Program shall be submitted not later than 90 days after the Department's fiscal year 2005 budget request is submitted to Congress.

(Pub. L. 107-296, title VIII, §874, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2244; Pub. L. 108-330, §5, Oct. 16, 2004, 118 Stat. 1278.)

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##### AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-330 added subsec. (b) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (b). Text read as follows: “The Future Years Homeland Security Program under subsection (a) of this section shall be structured, and include the same type of information and level of detail, as the Future Years Defense Program submitted to Congress by the Department of Defense under section 221 of title 10.”

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Pub. L. 115-141, div. F, title I, §101, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 606, provided that: “Hereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, at the time the President's budget proposal is submitted pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, the Future Years Homeland Security Program, as authorized by section 874 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 454).”

#### § 455. Miscellaneous authorities

##### (a) Seal

The Department shall have a seal, whose design is subject to the approval of the President.

##### (b) Participation of members of the Armed Forces

With respect to the Department, the Secretary shall have the same authorities that the Secretary of Transportation has with respect to the Department of Transportation under section 324 of title 49.

##### (c) Redelelegation of functions

Unless otherwise provided in the delegation or by law, any function delegated under this chapter may be redelegated to any subordinate.