

HR 2451

Buy America Update Act

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill exempts from Buy America requirements the procurement of railroad rolling stock when:

- the cost of components and subcomponents produced in the United States is more than 60% of the cost of all components of the rolling stock; and
- final assembly of such rolling stock has occurred in the United States.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) shall initiate a rulemaking to develop audit procedures for an agency to review rolling stock offeror and recipient compliance with domestic content requirements, and issue guidance on best practices for pre-award and post-delivery audits by recipients.

Before seeking a Buy America waiver request, Amtrak shall contract with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to conduct a supplier scouting process for domestic suppliers that can provide the compliant products for which a waiver will be sought. DOT must consider Amtrak's scouting report before deciding on the request.

Before issuing the Federal Aviation Administration a waiver of Buy America requirements, DOT shall consult with the NIST and begin a supplier scouting process for domestic suppliers that can provide for compliant aviation products for which a waiver will be sought.

DOT may approve an airport improvement project financed with passenger facility charges only if steel and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **May 20, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **May 20, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
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