



Re: RBI Copper Boilers and “Buy American” compliance

To Whom It May Concern:

Based on a recent agreement between the United States and Canadian governments, RBI copper boilers and water heaters manufactured in Mississauga, Ontario Canada contain the qualifying components for inclusion in the “Buy American” act as it pertains to the American Recoveries and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Canadian companies are now able to participate in state and local public works projects that are funded by the United States’ \$787 billion American Recoveries and Reinvestment Act. This mutual agreement also approves the bidding from US based companies on projects north of the border.

The provision covers projects manufactured in designated countries to be used in projects covered by ARRA. Canada is covered under the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement (WTO GPA). All WTO GPA countries are listed below:

**World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement (WTO GPA) Countries**

Aruba, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea (Republic of), Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan or United Kingdom

The manifold castings, burners, heat exchanger (copper), and controls represent the major components of the finished product. These components are all of U.S. origin and their value as a percentage of total cost exceed 60%. While these three specific items do not represent all of the U.S. products used in assembly of the RBI product; they are the most significant items in terms of cost. All remaining components and assembly is done in Canadian facility.

Mestek Inc., the parent company of RBI, is an American based corporation with total sales in excess of \$450 million. Mestek is also the parent to other domestic companies including Smith Cast Iron Boilers, a manufacturer of hydronic and steam boilers and Sterling Radiator, established in 1946.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MK", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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