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Eligible Countries for the Telecommunications Program

The Office of the United States Trade Representative has revised the list of countries designated as “eligible countries” for the Telecommunications Program of the Rural Utilities Service. The revision adds countries to the prior list that included Canada, Israel, and Mexico, as shown in the table below. The new list reflects the March 17, 2014, Federal Register Notice, Agreement on Government Procurement: Effective Date of Amendments, published by the Office of the United States trade Representative.

Canada	Iceland	Mexico
Chinese Taipei	Israel	Norway
European Union	Japan	Singapore
Hong Kong	Liechtenstein	

For the purpose of meeting the Buy American Requirement ([7 CFR 1787](#)), eligible countries have their products receive the same treatment as manufactured and unmanufactured products produced in the United States.

To view an updated list of Eligible Countries that was published in the [Federal Register on June 27, 2014](#) or download at the link below:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2014/06/27/2014-15138/notice>

Notes:

Except as otherwise indicated, eligibility is for contracts covered under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Government Procurement Agreement (GPA), including applicable thresholds and General Notes contained in U.S. Appendix 1 of the GPA. For services contracts, eligibility is subject in particular to General Note 8 of Appendix 1. The Government Procurement Agreement can be found at

http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/gproc_e.htm.