

Berry Amendment Compliance

The Berry Amendment (10 U.S.C. §2533a) prohibits the Department of Defense from the purchase of the following articles or items, unless items have been grown, reprocessed, reused, or produced in the U.S. The restricted items are:

- Food
- Clothing and materials and components normally associated with clothing, such as zippers, steel toes in boots. It does not apply to sensors, electronics, or other items added to, and not normally associated with clothing. Small arms protective inserts are not restricted under the BA. (This clarification of clothing was included in the FY06 NDAA).
- Tents, tarpaulins, or covers
- 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
- Wool (whether in the form of fiber or yarn or contained in fabrics, materials, or manufactured articles)
- Any item of individual equipment (Federal Supply Class 8465) manufactured from or containing such fibers, yarns, fabrics, or materials (e.g. parachutes, upholstery on aircraft seats, cloth filters, seat belts)
- Hand or measuring tool

Section 833 of the Act added language to 10 U.S.C. 2533a stating that the restriction applies to 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).”

Sekisui Voltek’s product lines, Volara®, Volextra® and Volarablock® are compliant with the Berry Amendment because

1. These products are produced in the United States of America at either our Lawrence, MA or Coldwater, MI plant
2. We do not use any of the restricted items as components of these products.