



Fly America Act Exceptions Form

INSTRUCTIONS

When a traveler uses a non-U.S. flag air carrier on travel to be charged to federally sponsored awards, this form, along with any relevant supporting documentation, is recommended as an attachment to your travel report. Please contact your SPA Representative for questions regarding the use of this form.

"FLY AMERICA ACT" EXCEPTIONS

All air travel on federal awards must comply with the Fly America Act. In some instances, your airline may use a non-U.S. flag air carrier if it meets one or more of the exception criteria listed in the Federal Travel Regulation guidelines (FTR sections 301-10.135-138). **Please check all applicable boxes below where exception criteria are met.** Please note that lower cost and personal convenience are not acceptable criteria for justifying the non-availability of a U.S. flag air carrier.

Travel met GSA's Open Skies Agreements/Fly America Exception Criteria

- There was no city pair contract in effect ((<http://apps.fas.gsa.gov/citypairs/search/>)
- Travel was not supported by a DoD fund

Or

- No U.S. flag air carrier provides service on a particular leg of the route, in which case foreign air carrier service may be used, but only to/from the nearest interchange point on a usually traveled route to connect with U.S. flag air carrier service
- Service on a foreign air carrier would be three hours or less, and use of the U.S. flag air carrier would at least double your en route travel time

Travel between the United States and another country:

- If a U.S. flag air carrier offers nonstop or direct service (no aircraft change) from your origin to your destination, you must use the U.S. flag air carrier service unless such use would extend your travel time, including delay at origin, by 24 hours or more
- If a U.S. flag air carrier does not offer nonstop or direct service (no aircraft change) between your origin and your destination, you must use a U.S. flag air carrier on every portion of the route where it provides service unless, when compared to using a foreign air carrier, such use would:
 - increase the number of aircraft changes outside the U.S. by 2 or more
 - extend travel time by 6 hours or more
 - require a connecting time of 4 hours or more at an overseas interchange point

Travel between two points outside the United States:

- You must always use a U.S. flag carrier for such travel, unless, when compared to using a foreign air carrier, such use would:
 - increase the number of aircraft changes outside the U.S. by 2 or more
 - extend travel time by 6 hours or more
 - require a connecting time of 4 hours or more at an overseas interchange point

There are other exceptions to the Fly America Act which may be appropriate. A list of exception criteria may be found in the Federal Travel Regulation Guidelines – FTR sections 301-10.135-

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Please detail exception below: