

Fly America Act (Accessible Version)

All air travel and cargo transportation services funded by the federal government must use a U.S. flag air carrier service.

This applies to federal employees and dependents, consultants, contractors, grantees, and any travelers whose travel is federally funded.

Reimbursement is not permitted if foreign carriers are used without a valid exception.

Codesharing:

To comply, the ticket must be purchased under the U.S. carrier's designator and flight number.

Exceptions to the Fly America Act:

1. No U.S. carrier available.
2. Using a U.S. carrier would extend travel time by 24 hours or more.
3. When no direct U.S. carrier service exists and use of a U.S. carrier:
 - Increases aircraft changes outside the U.S. by two+, or
 - Extends travel time by six hours+, or
 - Requires a four-hour+ connection overseas.
4. Flight time is under three hours and U.S. carrier doubles the travel time.
5. Travel falls under an applicable Open Skies Agreement (except when DoD-funded).

Open Skies Agreements:

Current qualifying agreements include:

- European Union (and Iceland, Norway)
- Australia
- Switzerland
- Japan

Documentation Requirements:

To document an exception:

- Completed and signed agency Fly America exception form.
- Detailed itinerary from travel service.
- Flight search results supporting the exception.

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