

George Mason University Certification of Exception to Fly America Act

This form is a statement executed by the traveler justifying the use of a foreign flag air carrier for travel charged to a federally sponsored project.

Instructions: Complete this form and include it with back-up documentation submitted with your Travel documents.

1. Check the appropriate allowable exception:

- ☐ Use of a foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity due to medical reasons
- ☐ Use of foreign air carrier is required to avoid unreasonable risk to safety
- ☐ Seat on U.S. flag air carrier in authorized class of service is unavailable
- ☐ Use of U.S. flag air carrier will not accomplish the sponsoring agency's mission
- ☐ Code sharing agreement exists. U.S. is a party to code sharing and the Department of Transportation determines agreement meets requirements of the Fly America Act
- ☐ No U.S. flag air carrier provides service on a particular leg of the route
- ☐ A U.S. flag air carrier involuntarily rerouted travel via on a foreign air carrier
- ☐ Service on a foreign air carrier is three hours or less, and use of U.S. flag air carrier doubles en route travel time
- ☐ Air travel is between the U.S. and another country and use of a U.S. flag air carrier on a nonstop flight extends travel time by 24 hours or more
- ☐ Use of a U.S. flag air carrier increases the number of aircraft changes outside the U.S. by two or more
- ☐ Use of a U.S. flag air carrier extends travel time by six hours or more
- ☐ Use of a U.S. flag air carrier requires a connecting layover time of four hours or more at an overseas interchange point
- ☐ Travel met GSA's Open Skies Agreement because: *(in accordance with FAR 47.403-2 and FTR 301-10.135(b))*

Funding on DOD or Secretary of a military department travel cannot use this exception.

- ☐ Travel is between a point in the U.S. and a member country in the European Union, Norway or Iceland; or between two points outside the U.S. **and** the [airline carrier](#) is from a member country in the European Union open skies agreement with the U.S.
- ☐ Travel is between a point in the U.S. and Switzerland; U.S. and Australia; or U.S. and Japan; or between two points outside the U.S. **and** the [airline carrier](#) is from the respective country that has an open skies agreement with the U.S. **and** A city pair contract does not exist for origin city to destination city. ([Verify this by entering your origin and destination cities](#))

2. Certification of Traveler

Traveler Name: _____ Fund Number: _____

Award Sponsor _____ / Prime Sponsor (if applicable) _____

The use of _____ between _____ and _____

The use of _____ between _____ and _____

Name of Foreign Flag Air Carrier

Airport or City Designations

On _____, is/was necessary as indicated above.

Date of Travel

Signature of Traveler or Authorizing Official

OSP Approver

Date

Date