George Mason University “Fly America Act’ Decision Tree

Travel within the U.S.
You must fly on a U.S. flag airline unless your travel circumstances qualify for an exemption\(^1\) as noted in the Fly America Act.

Are you flying between the U.S. and a foreign country on federal funds?

No ➔ The Fly America Act and Open Skies Agreements only applies to federally funded awards. Review your non-federally funded award for travel restrictions.

Yes ➔

Are you traveling to a foreign country funded by the Secretary of Defense (DOD) or Secretary of a military dept. such as the Air Force, Army, Navy, or DARPA?

Yes ➔ You are NOT permitted to take advantage of the Open Skies Agreements. You MUST fly on a U.S. flag airline\(^2\) unless you qualify for an exemption\(^1\) as noted in the Fly America Act.

No ➔

Are you traveling to or through a European Union (EU) country, Iceland, or Norway? This includes flights that originate, arrive, or have a stop-over in the EU.

Yes ➔ You MAY fly on a U.S. flag airline\(^2\); EU, Norwegian, or Icelandic airline\(^1\).

No ➔

Are you traveling between the:
A) U.S. and Australia?
B) U.S. and Japan
C) U.S. and Switzerland?

Yes ➔ Does the government have a published City-Pair airfare rate for your travel route? Check here: City Pair Program (GMU travelers cannot use City-Pair Contracts)

No ➔

You MUST fly on a U.S. flag airline\(^2\) unless you qualify for an exemption\(^1\) as noted in the Fly America Act.

Are you traveling between the U.S. and foreign countries not listed above?

Yes ➔ You MUST fly on a U.S. flag airline\(^2\) unless you qualify for an exemption\(^1\) as noted in the Fly America Act.

No ➔

Does the government have a published City-Pair airfare rate for your travel route? Check here: City Pair Program (GMU travelers cannot use City-Pair Contracts)

You MAY fly on a U.S. flag airline\(^2\) or
A) Australian airline\(^1\)
B) Japanese airline\(^1\)
C) Swiss airline\(^1\)

1 Complete the "Fly America Act Waiver" form.

\(^2\) Service performed by U.S. flag airline, as indicated on ticket, or under code-sharing arrangement which identifies the U.S. flag airline’s designator code and flight number on ticket document. For example: United Airlines UA 708 operated by "Thai Airline".

See Page 2 for flights between two points outside the U.S.
Are you traveling between any two points outside the U.S.? funded by the Secretary of Defense (DOD) or Secretary of a military dept. such as the Air Force, Army, Navy, or DARPA?

No

Do you reside in the U.S.?

Yes

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You MAY fly a U.S. flag airline\(^2\), EU, Norwegian, Icelandic, Australian, Japanese or Swiss airline\(^1\).

The City Pair Program does not apply.

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