

# 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date