Fly America Act and Open Skies Agreements Quick Guide

All travelers traveling on funds provided by the federal government, in most situations you must use a U.S. flag carrier (an airline owned by an American company), regardless of cost or convenience.

If scheduling international travel that is federally funded, you must ensure that all flights, where possible, are scheduled on US flag carriers or on foreign air carriers that code share with a U.S. flag carrier.

Flying from USA to a foreign country on federal funds?

You must fly on a U.S. flag airline unless you qualify for an exemption as noted in the Fly America Act. The EU Open Skies agreement allows travelers to use EU carries for flights between the US and points outside of EU. [Fly America Act Waiver Form](#).

Flying between US and European Union on federal funds?

You may fly on a U.S. flag airline or European Union (EU) airline. [View the list of EU Countries](#).

Flying between US and Australia on federal funds?

Yale travelers using federal dollars can use an Australian airline if a point of origin is either the US or Australia. Does the government have a published city-pair contract fair for my travel route? [Search U.S. GSA Airline City Pairs](#)

- If yes, you must fly a US flag airline.
- If no, you may fly a US flag airline or Australian airline.

Flying between US and Switzerland on federal funds?

Yale travelers using federal dollars can use an Swiss airline if a point of origin is either the US or Switzerland. Does the government have a published city-pair contract fair for my travel route? [Search U.S. GSA Airline City Pairs](#)

- If yes, you must fly a US flag airline.
- If no, you may fly a US flag airline, Swiss Airline or EU airline.

Flying between US and Japan on federal funds?

Yale travelers using federal dollars can use a Japanese airline if a point of origin is either the US or Japan. Does the government have a published city-pair contract fair for my travel route? [Search U.S. GSA Airline City Pairs](#)

- If yes, you must fly a US flag airline.
- If no, you may fly a US flag airline or Japan airline.

Traveling to other foreign countries or 2 points outside the US?

You must fly on a US flag airline unless you qualify for an exemption as noted in the Fly America Act. In addition to US carriers you may use EU, Australian, Japanese or Swiss carriers when traveling between 2 points outside of the US. [Fly America Act Waiver Form](#).

Please note: Travelers using Department of Defense (DOD) funds are not permitted to take advantage of Open Sky Agreements. Travelers using DOD funds must use an American carrier, unless they qualify for an exemption as noted in FTR 301-10.135, sections (a), (d), (e), (f), and (g).

To document exceptions you must complete [Form 3301 FR.06 Fly America Act Waiver Form](#).
Fly America Resources

- Fly America Act and Open Skies Agreements Quick Guide
  https://your.yale.edu/policies-procedures/other/quick-guide-fly-america-act-and-open-skies-agreement

- Fly America Act information
  https://your.yale.edu/work-yale/campus-services/travel-relocation-fleet/travel/international-travel/fly-america-act

- Fly America Act and Open Skies Agreement

- Fly America Act Waiver Form 3301 FR. 06
  https://your.yale.edu/policies-procedures/forms/3301-fr06-documentation-travel-non-us-air-carrier

- U.S.-EU (Iceland, Norway) Air Transport Agreement of June 21, 2011
  https://www.state.gov/e/eb/rls/othr/ata/ic/170684.htm

- View U.S. GSA Airline City Pairs
  https://cpsearch.fas.gsa.gov