

Fly America Act Exceptions

Use of U.S. flag carriers is required for all international travel chargeable to a federal award unless one of the following exceptions is met or the foreign carrier has a code-sharing agreement with a U.S. carrier.

Travel between the United States and another country:

- If a U.S. carrier offers non-stop or direct service from your origin to destination, you must use the U.S. carrier **unless** such use would extend your travel time, including delay at origin, by 24 hours or more.
- Increase the number of aircraft changes outside of the U.S. by 2 or more.
- Extend your travel time by at least 6 hours or more.
- Require a connecting time of 4 hours or more at an overseas interchange point.

Travel solely outside the United States:

- You must always use a U.S. carrier **unless**, when compared to using a foreign air carrier, such use would:
 - Increase the number of aircraft changes you make by 2 or more.
 - Extend your travel time by 6 hours or more.
 - Require a connecting time of 4 hours or more at an overseas interchange point.

A foreign air carrier is deemed a necessity when service by a U.S. carrier is available, but:

- Cannot provide the air transportation needed.
- Will not accomplish the agency's mission.

Use of a foreign air carrier is deemed a necessity, which includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Is necessary for medical reasons.
- Is necessary to avoid an unreasonable risk to your safety and is approved by your agency.
- Is necessary when you cannot purchase a ticket in your authorized class of service on a U.S. carrier but one is available with a foreign carrier.

Documentation is required when a foreign air carrier is used for federally funded travel. See the Fly America Act Exemption Certification at:

http://atc.caltech.edu/finance/PPS/payment/travel_policy.htm