

Fly America Act

The following Fly America Act guidelines must be followed when purchasing flights with federal grant monies.

The grantee or contractor and their subcontractors agree that U.S. flag air carriers will be used to transport personnel and property when costs are charged directly to the grant or contract. This includes any air transportation to, from, between, or within a country other than the United States when U.S. flag air carriers are “available” even though

- (1) Comparable or a different kind of service can be provided at a less cost by a foreign-flag carrier;
- (2) Foreign-flag air carriers service is preferred by, or is more convenient for, both the government and the traveler; or
- (3) Service by a foreign-flag carrier may be paid for in excess foreign currency.

Unless the following results in the first leg of travel from or to the U.S. being performed by a foreign-flag air carrier, the following rules apply:

- (1) A U.S. flag air carrier shall be used to destination or, in the absence of direct or through service, to the farthest interchange point on a usually traveled route.
- (2) If a U.S. flag air carrier does not serve an origin or interchange point, a foreign-flag air carrier shall be used only to the nearest interchange point on a usually traveled route to connect with a U.S. flag air carrier service.
- (3) If a U.S. flag air carrier involuntarily reroutes the traveler via a foreign-flag carrier, the foreign-flag air carrier may be used, notwithstanding the availability of alternative U.S. flag air carrier service.

Use of a foreign-flag air carrier is allowable as follows:

- *Travel to and from the U.S.*
 - The airport abroad is the traveler’s original or destination airport, and use of U.S. flag air carrier service would extend the time in travel status by at least 24 hours more than travel by a foreign-flag air carrier; or
 - The airport abroad is an interchange point, and use of U.S. flag air carrier service would require the traveler to wait six hours or more to make connections at that point or would extend the time in a travel status by at least six hours more than travel by a foreign-flag air carrier.
- *Travel between Points outside the U.S.*
 - Travel by a foreign-flag air carrier would eliminate two or more aircraft changes en route;
 - Travel by a U.S. flag air carrier would extend the time in a travel status by at least six hours more than travel by a foreign-flag air carrier; or
 - The travel is not part of a trip to or from the U.S., and use of a U.S. flag air carrier would extend the travel time status by at least six hours more than travel by a foreign-flag air carrier.
- *Short Distance Travel*
 - For all short distance travel, regardless of original and destination, use of a foreign-flag air carrier is permissible if elapsed travel time is three hours or less and service by a U.S. flag air carrier would double the time.

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