Fly America Act
Open Skies Agreements

Making sense of it all!
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What is the Fly America Act?

• When traveling on funds provided by the federal government you must use U.S. Flag Carriers or U.S. Codeshare service, with a few exceptions.

• "Open Skies Agreements" provide a limited exception to the Fly America Act.
What is an “Open Skies” agreement?

• Bilateral or multilateral air transportation agreements to which the US and a foreign government are parties, AND

• Determination by the US Department of Transportation that the agreement meets the requirements of the Fly America Act.
What does this mean for UCAR?

- **Open Skies Agreements** allow use of a foreign carrier for travel as long as:
  - A GSA City-Pair contract does not exist
  - Travel is not funded by the DOD
  - The foreign carrier is a member airline of the European Union, Australia, or Switzerland

- Note: Currently there are no Asian Airlines that fall under Open Skies Agreements
Open Skies Agreement

Partners:

• European Union Member States
• Australia
• Switzerland

You can fly anywhere in the world on a foreign carrier as long as that airline is a member of the EU, Australia or Switzerland, no city-pair agreement exists and travel is not DOD funded.
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EU Candidate Countries

EU Membership Pending

• Croatia
• Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
• Iceland
• Turkey
GSA City-Pair Program

- [http://apps.fas.gsa.gov/citypairs/search](http://apps.fas.gsa.gov/citypairs/search)
- Based on true origin and destination.
- Annual fiscal year contracts

If transportation is between points for which there is a city-pair contract fare in effect, use of a U.S. flag air carrier is required unless one of the other exceptions to the use of such service, as set out in the Federal Travel Regulation, applies. Refer to Desktop Reference: Appendix A
Determine if a Foreign Air Carrier is Allowed

   • If a City-Pair contract exists the Fly America Act is in force.
   • If no City-Pair contract exists you may use a foreign carrier provided they are a member of the EU, Australia or Switzerland.

2. If the travel is funded by the DOD you MUST Fly Flag.

3. Upon verification, travel with a non-federal account key can use either U.S. air carrier or foreign air carrier. Use of U.S. air carriers is always encouraged.
Examples

Denver to Delhi

• No city-pair agreement exists

UA 8879 DENVER-FRANKFURT 5:35P - 11:30A
UA 8906 FRANKFURT-DELHI 1:20P - 1:15A  YES!

LH 447 DENVER-FRANKFURT 5:35P - 11:30A
LH 760 FRANKFURT-DELHI 1:20P - 1:15A  YES!

UA 8879 DENVER-FRANKFURT 5:35P - 11:30A
AI 8760 FRANKFURT-DELHI 1:20P - 1:15A  NO!
Examples Cont.

Denver to Beijing

- No city-pair agreement exits.

  BA 218 DENVER-LONDON 5:20P- 9:05A
  BA 39 LONDON-BEIJING 4:35P – 10:25A  YES!

  UA 869 DENVER-SAN FRANCISCO 8:22A – 10:15A
  UA 889 SAN FRANCISCO – BEIJING 11:07A – 3:40PM  YES!

  UA 869 DENVER-SAN FRANCISCO 8:22A – 10:15A
  CA 8889 SAN FRANCISCO-BEIJING 11:07A – 3:40PM  NO!
Reservation Requests

- All Open Skies tickets must be booked through Boulder Travel.
- All reservation requests must be submitted using the new reservation form.
- Reservation forms containing incomplete information will be returned to the sender and no further action will be taken until the form is properly completed and resubmitted.
- All requests must be sent to: ucar@bouldertravel.com