



The following pertains to Government funded travel on grants and contracts at CU where the “Fly America Act” is in effect. This handout should be used only as a reference as each award’s terms will provide the final guidance. In accordance with this act, air transportation must be performed by or under a code-sharing arrangement with a U.S. flag air carrier if service provided by such a carrier is available, **regardless** of cost, convenience or destination. Tickets (or documentation for electronic tickets) must identify the U.S. flag air carrier’s designator code and flight number.

**For any travel that is not on a U.S. air carrier, the PI/Department must document the unique circumstances and should attach the documentation to the trip’s other records (i.e., expense report, travel authorization, etc.). The CU Boulder [Fly America Act Waiver form](#) is available for this use.**

## The Exceptions to the Fly America Act

### U.S.-EU Open Skies Agreement

Since the original U.S.-EU Open Skies Agreement was enacted in 2007, additional agreements were also passed. This expands the right to transport passengers and cargo on scheduled and charter flights on certain non-U.S. carriers for which payment is made by a U.S. Government civilian department, agency, or instrumentality subject to certain restrictions. Through this agreement, federal funds can be used for air travel on a U.S. carrier or, for specific destinations, on a European Union (plus Norway and Iceland), Australian, Japanese, or Swiss airline. *Please note that if the award is funded by the Department of Defense (DOD) or by a department of the U.S. Military, travel must be on a U.S. flag air carrier and the Open Skies Agreement is not in effect.*

#### Travel to a European Union Country, Norway or Iceland:

- You may fly on an EU airline when:
  - Travel is NOT funded by U.S. DOD or U.S. Military, and
  - Flight touches down in an EU country, Norway or Iceland

#### Travel to Australia, Japan or Switzerland:

- You may fly on an airline of Australia, Japan or Switzerland when:
  - Travel is NOT funded by U.S. DOD or U.S. Military, and
  - U.S. government does NOT have a published City-Pair Agreement for your travel route. Please note that the City-Pair Agreement is only available to Federal Government employees.
    - The searchable database for these specific routes can be found here: <http://cpsearch.fas.gsa.gov/>

### What are other exceptions to the Fly America Act?

- You are involuntarily rerouted
- Medical or safety reasons
- Use of a U.S. carrier will unreasonably delay your travel time, by more than 24 hours
- a U.S. flag air carrier does not offer service on a particular leg of your trip

## Additional Resources

- University of Colorado’s FAQs: <http://www.colorado.edu/ocg/frequently-asked-questions>
  - University of Colorado Boulder’s [Fly America Act Waiver form](#)
  - If you have any questions, please email [ocqtravel@colorado.edu](mailto:ocqtravel@colorado.edu)
- Fly America Act: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/103191>
- Open Skies Agreement: <http://www.gsa.gov/graphics/ogp/FTRBulletin11-02USEUOpenSkies.PDF>