UMASS AMHERST “FLY AMERICA AND OPEN SKIES AGREEMENTS” DECISION TREE

Flying from the US to a foreign country on Federal funds (53104-6, 53214-6, 53314-6, and 53414-6)?

Are you funded by the Secretary of Defense (DOD) or Secretary of a military department such as the Air force, Army, or Navy?

Are you traveling to a European Union Country?

Choose an airline which is owned by a US flag carrier (airline owned by an American company) or an EU Country. If you choose a carrier owned by an EU country, provide the UMass Fly America Act Exception Form to document the Open Skies exception when submitting for reimbursement. If you choose a carrier which is not owned by a US or an EU Country, you must qualify for an exception in the Fly America Act 301-10.135-138 and provide the UMass Fly America Act Exception Form when submitting for reimbursement. If a foreign carrier is used and an exception cannot be claimed, the cost must be reimbursed with non-federal funds.

Are you traveling to Australia?

Is there a GSA City-Pair Contract for your route? If yes, you must fly using a US flag carrier (airline owned by an American company) unless you qualify for an exception in the Fly America Act 301-10.135-138. If no city pair contract exists, you may fly using an Australian carrier. If you choose an Australian carrier, provide the UMass Fly America Act Exception Form to document the Open Skies exception when submitting for reimbursement. If a foreign carrier is used and an exception cannot be claimed, the cost must be reimbursed with non-federal funds.

Are you traveling to Switzerland?

Is there a GSA City-Pair Contract for your route? If yes, you must fly using a US flag carrier (airline owned by an American company) unless you qualify for an exception in the Fly America Act 301-10.135-138. If no city pair contract exists, you may fly using a Swiss carrier. If you choose a Swiss carrier, provide the UMass Fly America Act Exception Form to document the Open Skies exception when submitting for reimbursement. If a foreign carrier is used and an exception cannot be claimed, the cost must be reimbursed with non-federal funds.

Are you traveling to Japan?

Is there a GSA City-Pair Contract for your route? If yes, you must fly using a US flag carrier (airline owned by an American company) unless you qualify for an exception in the Fly America Act 301-10.135-138. If no city pair contract exists, you may fly using a Japanese carrier. If you choose a Japanese carrier, provide the UMass Fly America Act Exception Form to document the Open Skies exception when submitting for reimbursement. If a foreign carrier is used and an exception cannot be claimed, the cost must be reimbursed with non-federal funds.

Are you traveling to a foreign country which is not a part of the EU, Australia, Switzerland, or Japan?

You must fly using a US flag carrier unless you qualify for an exception in the Fly America Act 301-10.135-138. The UMass Fly America Exception Form must be used to document the exception when submitting for reimbursement. If a foreign carrier is used and an exception cannot be claimed, the cost must be reimbursed with non-federal funds.

**Code sharing (See Reg. 301-10.134)** occurs when an airline codes a flight as if it was their own. Compliance is satisfied when the US flag air carrier’s designator code is shown. Proof of US designator codes for all legs of a trip is required.