

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



****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.

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?

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](#). Open Skies agreements are not a valid exception. If you use a foreign carrier, an exception in the Fly America Act must be documented with the use of the [UMass Fly America Act Exception Form](#). Provide the 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 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 you choose a carrier which is not owned by the US or Australia, you must qualify for an exception in the Fly America Act 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 Switzerland?

Is there a [GSA City-Pair Contract](#) for your route? If yes, you must fly using a [US flag carrier \(airline owned by an American company\)](#) carrier 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 you choose a carrier which is not owned by the US or Switzerland, you must qualify for an exception in the Fly America Act 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

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 you choose a carrier which is not owned by the US or Japan, you must qualify for an exception in the Fly America Act 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 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 Act 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.