

Fly America Act

Federal travelers are required by 49 U.S.C. 40118, commonly referred to as the "Fly America Act," to use United States air carriers for all air travel and cargo transportation services funded by the United States Government. One exception to this requirement is transportation provided under a bilateral or multilateral air transport agreement, to which the United States Government and the government of a foreign country are parties, and which the Department of Transportation has determined meets the requirements of the [Fly America Act](#).

"Open Skies Agreements" are bilateral or multilateral agreements between the U.S. Government and the governments of foreign countries that allow travelers to use foreign air carriers from these countries for government-funded international travel.

The United States currently has [Open Skies Agreements](#) in effect with:

- **European Union** – A traveler can fly to any of the member states on any of the member states' airlines. (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, including Iceland and Norway)
- **Australia** – A traveler can fly on an approved Australian airline to Australia only.
- **Japan** – A traveler can fly on an approved Japanese airline to Japan only.
- **Switzerland** – A traveler can fly on an approved Swiss airline to Switzerland only.

Once travelers arrive in a country above, they can fly to any other country on any airline.

Examples:

- A traveler can fly Air France to Spain
- A traveler can fly Qantas to Sydney Australia then Air New Zealand to Christchurch NZ
- A traveler can fly Japan Airlines to Tokyo.