# **UNR Certification of Exception to the Fly America Act**

The Fly America Act ("FAA") is applicable to all travel funded by United States federal government funds and requires the use of a U.S. flag air carrier service, with a few exceptions.

This form is to be completed when a non-U.S. flag air carrier service is used for air travel as a result of one of the exceptions listed below. Expenses for a non-U.S. flag air carrier that do not meet one of the exceptions below cannot be charged to a federally-funded account without written authorization from the federal agency. Please check the exception(s) used for your trip. Submit this form to the Travel Office with your travel claim.

## For flights between the United States and another country:

- (a) A U.S. flag air carrier offers nonstop or direct service (no aircraft change) but would extend travel time by 24 hours or more than travel by the foreign air carrier.
- (b) U.S. flag air carrier does not offer nonstop or direct service between the origin and destination. I have used the U.S. flag air carrier for all portions of the route except those for which use of the U.S. flag air carrier would:
  - (1) Increase the number of aircraft changes made outside the U.S. by 2 or more.
  - (2) Extend travel time by 6 hours or more.
  - (3) Require a connecting time of 4 hours or more at an overseas interchange point.

#### For flights solely outside the U.S. when a U.S. flag air carrier provides service between origin and destination:

- (a) Use of a U.S. flag air carrier would increase the number of aircraft changes en route by 2 or more.
- (b) Use of a U.S. flag air carrier would extend travel time by 6 hours or more.
- (c) Use of a U.S. flag air carrier would require a connecting time of 4 hours or more at an overseas interchange point.

## Other authorized exceptions:

- (a) No U.S. flag air carrier provides service on a particular leg of the route. In this case, a foreign air carrier service may be used, but only to or from the nearest interchange point on a usually traveled route to connect with a U.S. flag air carrier service.
- (b) Use of a foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity due to medical reasons, in accordance with the FAA.
- (c) Use of a foreign air carrier is required to avoid unreasonable risk to safety. (e.g., terrorist threats. Use of a foreign air carrier for reasons of safety must be approved by federal agency.)
- (d) Seat in authorized class of service is unavailable on U.S. flag air carrier but available on a foreign air carrier.
- (e) A U.S. flag air carrier involuntarily rerouted travel via a foreign air carrier.
- (f) Service on a foreign carrier would be three hours or less, and use of the U.S. flag air carrier would at least double en route travel time.
- (g) Costs of transportation will be reimbursed in full by a third party, such as a foreign government, international agency, or other organization.
- (h) Travel met one of GSA's four Open Skies Agreements (European Union, Switzerland, Japan, or Australia) and is not funded by the Department of Defense.

### Complete the following:

| Foreign Carrier(s) Utilized:<br>Travel Dates: | Final Destination: |  |
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| Signature of Traveler                         | Date               |  |
| Signature of Travel Agent, if applicable      | <br>Date           |  |