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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: UTD/CTD for MAP/CAP 086(I) -- Foreign Flag Carrier and US Flag Carrier Terms

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- A. General
- B. Gov't and Gov't-procured Air Transportation Available
- C. Gov't/Gov't-procured Air Transportation Not Available
- D. Use of Foreign Flag Air Carriers or Foreign Flag Ships
- E. Computation
- F. Dependent Travel Limited to the Gov't-offered Air Transportation Cost

**3665 U.S. FLAG SHIP**

- A. General
- B. U.S. Flag Ship Use Impracticable
- C. U.S. Flag Ship Unavailable
- D. Determination Required
- E. Unauthorized Foreign Flag Ship Use

**3720 FOREIGN FLAG SHIP USE**

- A. Required Documentation
- B. Unauthorized Foreign Flag Ferry Use

### **3050-D**

\*D. Use of Foreign Flag Air Carriers/Ships

\*1. There is no reimbursement (for any leg of the journey) for transportation cost when unauthorized/unapproved foreign flag air carrier/ship service is used.

\*2. If U.S. flag air carrier/ship service is available for an entire trip and the traveler uses a foreign flag air carrier/ship for any part, or all, of the trip, the transportation cost on the foreign flag air carrier/ship is *not payable* ([FTR §301-10.143](#)).

### **3210-D2g**

\*g. Reimbursement for ship transportation must be IAW the use of U.S. flag ships.

### **3500-D3**

\*3. Ship Transportation. If ship transportation is used, when air travel is medically inadvisable, the transportation provided must be the least costly accommodations. See par. 3660 for stateroom standards and required U.S. flag ship use.

### **3665**

A. General

\*1. A U.S. flag ship must be used unless otherwise indicated in this par. ([46 USC §55302](#)). This applies to all official travel and accompanied baggage transportation without regard to the source of funds used to pay ([57 Comp. Gen. 546 \(1978\)](#)).

\*2. When ship transportation is authorized/approved and a U.S. flag ship cannot provide the transportation service required, transportation may be obtained aboard a foreign flag ship ([B-190575, 1 May 1978](#)).

\*B. U.S. Flag Ship Use Impracticable

\*1. When U.S. flag ship use would seriously interfere with/prevent the performance of official business, the AO may authorize/approve foreign flag ship use.

\*2. Required documentation explaining why a U.S. flag ship is impracticable (par. 3525-F) must be provided to the traveler to justify transportation reimbursement. An order endorsement is acceptable.

\*C. U.S. Flag Ship Unavailable

\*1. When a U.S. flag ship is not available, the transportation/other appropriate officer may authorize/approve foreign flag ship use.

\*2. Documentation required by par. 3525-F is used to explain why a U.S. flag ship is unavailable, and must be provided to the traveler to justify transportation reimbursement. An order endorsement is acceptable.

D. Determination Required. The authorizations/approvals referred to in this par. must not be based on:

- \*1. Inconvenience in securing transportation on a U.S. flag ship,
2. Short delays in awaiting transportation,
3. Arranging circuitous routes for traveler convenience, or
4. Similar reasons.

\*E. Unauthorized Foreign Flag Ship Use. There is no transportation reimbursement, for any leg of a trip, when an unauthorized/unapproved foreign flag ship is used. If a U.S. flag ship is available for an entire trip and the traveler uses a foreign flag ship for any part of the trip, the transportation cost on the foreign flag ship is not payable ([41 CFR §301-10.181](#)).

## **3720**

\*A. Required Documentation. See par. 3525-F for required documentation if a U.S. flag ferry is not available.

\*B. Unauthorized Foreign Flag Ferry Use. There is no transportation reimbursement, for any leg of a trip, when an unauthorized/unapproved foreign flag ferry is used. If a U.S. flag ferry is available for an entire trip and the traveler uses a foreign flag ferry for any part of the trip, the transportation cost on the foreign flag ferry is not payable ([41 CFR §301-10.181](#)).

## **5018-C4c**

\*c. Travel by Foreign Flag Air Carrier/Ship. See par. 3005-F for circumstances when reimbursement is authorized for travel, at personal expense, on a foreign flag air carrier/ship.

## **5076-C1**

\*1. For any part of a journey that a U.S. flag air carrier/ship is available, but a foreign flag air carrier/ship is used. Per diem is payable.

## **5082-B3**

\*3. Surface Transportation. When air travel is medically inadvisable, surface transportation provided must be the least costly commercial ship passenger accommodations. See Ch 3 for stateroom standards and required use of U.S. flag ships.

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## **App A1**

**\*CITY PAIR AIRFARE.** An airfare on a U.S. flag air carrier under contract for a Federal employee for planning official travel (Airfares (City Pair Program)). Airfares are priced on one way routes permitting multiple destination travel. No minimum/maximum length of stay is required. Tickets are fully refundable, with no cancellation fees. Prices are negotiated each fiscal year. There are two types of city pair airfares:

**\*CONTRACT CARRIER.** A U.S. flag air carrier that is under contract with the Gov't to furnish Federal employees, uniformed members, and other persons authorized to travel at Gov't expense with passenger transportation service. This also includes GSA's contracted scheduled airline passenger service between selected U.S. cities/airports and between selected U.S. and international cities/airports at reduced fares.

**\*FOREIGN FLAG AIR CARRIER.** An air carrier that does not hold a certificate issued by the U.S. under [49 USC §41102](#).

**\*U.S. FLAG AIR CARRIER.** A U.S. flag air carrier that holds a certificate under [49 USC §41102](#) and that is authorized either by the carrier's certificate or by exemption or regulation. U.S. flag air carrier service also includes service provided under a code share agreement with a foreign flag air carrier IAW [Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\)](#) when the ticket, or documentation for an electronic ticket, identifies the U.S. flag air carrier's designator code and flight number.

## **App I4, Item 16-r**

\*r. 'Fly America' Act -- Include the endorsement required by par. 3525-F when use of a commercial foreign flag air carrier/ship is authorized. The endorsement on the order, made IAW Service regulations, should include

the name of traveler, the foreign flag air carrier/ship used, flight identification no(s), origin, destination and en route points, date(s), justification, and authorizing official's title, organization and signature.

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### **App P1-A6c**

\*c. A non-contract (DoD approved) U.S. flag carrier offers a lower airfare available to the general public, the use of which results in a lower total trip cost to the Gov't, to include the combined costs of transportation, lodging, meals, and related expenses. ***NOTE: This exception does not apply if the contract carrier offers a comparable airfare and has seats available at that airfare, or if the lower airfare offered by a non-contract carrier is limited to a Gov't and/or military traveler on official business and only may be purchased with a Gov't procurement document (e.g., a GTR), GTCC, or through a centrally billed account (e.g., YDG, MDG, QDG, VDG, and similar airfares).***

### **App P2-B2c**

\*c. A U.S. flag non-contract (or the contract) carrier offers a lower airfare to the general public that, if used, results in a lower total trip cost to the Gov't (the combined costs of transportation, lodging, meals, and related expenses considered); or

***\*NOTE 1 to paragraph (c): This exception does not apply if the contract carrier offers the same or lower airfare and has seats available at that airfare, or if the airfare offered by the foreign flag carrier is restricted to a Gov't or military traveler performing official business and may be purchased only with a GTCC (IBA or CBA) (e.g., YDG, MDG, QDG, VDG, and similar airfares) or GTR where the two previous GTCC options are not available.***

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### **App P2-B2c, Examples**

***\*EXAMPLES:*** Airline X is the city pair contract carrier and Airline Y is another U.S. flag non city pair carrier.

***\*Example 3:*** If Airline Y offers a lower/restricted airfare and Airline X does not offer the same or a lower restricted airfare to the general public than does U.S. flag Airline Y, the traveler/command may use (Airline Y) the non-contract city pair airfare if permitted on the travel order.

The following pages are the same policy preceding this page but showing tracked changes.



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**3665 U.S. ~~REGISTRY-FLAG~~ SHIP**

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- B. U.S. [Registry-Flag](#) Ship Use Impracticable
- C. U.S. [Registry-Flag](#) Ship Unavailable
- D. Determination Required
- E. Unauthorized ~~Non-U.S. Registry~~[Foreign Flag](#) Ship Use

**3720 FOREIGN ~~REGISTERED-FLAG~~ SHIP USE**

- A. Required Documentation
- B. Unauthorized ~~Non-U.S. Registry~~[Foreign Flag](#) Ferry Use

### 3050-D

\*D. Use of ~~Non-U.S. Certificated Foreign Flag~~ Air Carriers/~~or Non-U.S. Registry~~ Ships

\*1. There is no reimbursement (for any leg of the journey) for transportation cost when unauthorized/unapproved ~~foreign flag non-U.S. certificated/registry-air~~ carrier/~~(or ship)~~ service is used.

\*2. If U.S. ~~certificated/registryflag air~~ carrier/ship service is available for an entire trip and the traveler uses a ~~foreign flag non-U.S. certificated/registry-air~~ carrier/ship for any part, or all, of the trip, the transportation cost on the ~~foreign flag non-U.S. certificated/registry-air~~ carrier/~~or ship~~ is *not payable* ([FTR §301-10.143](#)).

### 3210-D2g

\*g. Reimbursement for ship transportation must be IAW the use of ~~ships of~~ U.S. ~~flag ships~~[registry](#).

### 3500-D3

\*3. ~~Ship Transportation~~. If ship transportation is used, when air travel is medically inadvisable, the transportation provided must be the least costly accommodations. See par. 3660 for stateroom standards and required U.S. ~~registry-flag~~ ship use.

### 3665

A. General

\*\*1. A U.S. ~~registry-flag~~ ship must be used unless otherwise indicated in this par. ([46 USC §55302](#)). This applies to all official travel and accompanied baggage transportation without regard to the source of funds used to pay ([57 Comp. Gen. 546 \(1978\)](#)).

\*2. When ship transportation is authorized/approved and a U.S. ~~registry-flag~~ ship cannot provide the transportation service required, transportation may be obtained aboard a foreign ~~flag-registered~~ ship ([B-190575, 1 May 1978](#)).

\*B. U.S. ~~Registry-Flag~~ Ship Use Impracticable

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\*2. Required documentation explaining why a U.S. ~~registry-flag~~ ship is impracticable (par. 3525-F) must be provided to the traveler to justify transportation reimbursement. An order endorsement is acceptable.

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## 5076-C1

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## 5082-B3

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## 5532-C4c

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