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Question:

What is the difference between ATM and ATC?

Answer:

According to Definitions in Article 2(1) and (10) of Regulation (EC) No 549/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004 laying down the framework for the creation of the single European sky.

‘**Air traffic control (ATC) service**’ means a service provided for the purpose of:

(a) preventing collisions: — between aircraft, and — in the manoeuvring area between aircraft and obstructions; and

(b) expediting and maintaining an orderly flow of air traffic;

‘**Air traffic management (ATM)**’ means the aggregation of the airborne and ground-based functions (air traffic services, airspace management and air traffic flow management) required to ensure the safe and efficient movement of aircraft during all phases of operations;

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