

Glossary

3i	3i Group plc.
ACL	Airport Coordination Limited. The company is responsible for the allocation and monitoring of slots at Gatwick airport and certain other UK airports.
Airport pair	Air services on a route between two specific airports.
Air traffic control	A service provided (in the UK mainly by the National Air Traffic Services) for the control of aircraft flight movements in areas of controlled airspace and aircraft ground movements.
AOC	Airline Operators Committee. A committee of representatives of each airline operating at an airport. It acts as one of the main points of contact between airlines and the airport management for local operational and development issues.
ASA	Air services agreement. Bilateral agreement between governments regulating air services between their countries, for example Bermuda 2 .
ATM	Air transport movement. Landing or take-off of an aircraft engaged in the transport of passengers, cargo or mail on commercial terms.
AUC	Air Transport Users Council.
BA	British Airways Plc.
BAA	BAA plc, responsible for the operation of Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Southampton airports.
BA mainline	Services operated by BA itself other than BAR as opposed to those operated by BA franchisees or subsidiaries.
BAR	British Airways Regional, a division of BA which operates regional services from Birmingham, Manchester and Scotland.
Bermuda 2	The ASA between the US and UK Governments concluded in Bermuda on 23 July 1977. The agreement has been amended on several occasions since 1977.
Britannia	Britannia Airways Limited.
British Midland	British Midland Airways Limited.
Brymon	Brymon Airways Ltd; a BA franchisee and wholly-owned subsidiary of BA .
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority.
Charter service	A flight not operated as a regular scheduled service , sometimes operated on an ad hoc basis. Seats are sold through an intermediary such as a tour operator.
CIP	Commercially important passenger.
CityFlyer	CityFlyer Express Limited.
City pair	Air services between any airport at one city and any airport at another.

Code sharing	The addition by one airline of its designator code to services operated by another airline, thereby allowing the services to be marketed under one or both airlines' codes.
Commission	The Monopolies and Mergers Commission or the Competition Commission, as the context requires—see paragraph 1.1.
Coordinated airport	An airport where a coordinator has been appointed to facilitate the operations of air carriers operating or intending to operate at that airport.
Coordinator	A person responsible for slot allocation and schedule coordination at a coordinated airport . At Gatwick this is an employee of ACL .
CRS	Computer reservation system that displays information on availability of seats and connecting services etc and provides a system for direct booking by agents.
DETR	Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions.
EC slot allocation regulation, the slot regulation	Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 of 18 January 1993 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports, OJ 1993 L14/1.
Fully coordinated airport	A fully coordinated airport means a coordinated airport where, in order to land or take off during the periods for which it is fully coordinated, it is necessary for an air carrier to have a slot allocated by a coordinator .
GAL	Gatwick Airport Limited. The subsidiary of BAA which operates Gatwick Airport.
Gateway	In the context of bilateral air services agreements, a point of last departure and first arrival in a country.
General aviation	ATMs other than scheduled, charter, freight or military flights, for example private and business aircraft movements.
Go	Go-Fly Ltd, BA 's low-cost subsidiary.
Grandfather rights	The right of an airline to continue to operate take-off or landing slots used on a consistent basis during the previous equivalent season.
Greater London	The area comprised by the 32 London boroughs and the City of London.
Ground handling	Services provided to airlines at airports, including passenger and baggage handling, documents and load control, cargo and mail, ramp services, fuel handling, surface transport and catering services.
HAL	Heathrow Airport Limited. The subsidiary of BAA which operates Heathrow Airport.
HSBC	HSBC Investment Bank plc.
Hub	An airport used by airlines as a main base for connecting traffic where a significant proportion of passengers transfer between flights.
IATA	International Air Transport Association. The airlines' international trade association.

Interlining	Air travel which involves changing, at an intermediate point on a journey, from one aircraft to another of a different airline.
Intralining	Air travel which involves changing, at an intermediate point on a journey, between one aircraft and another of the same airline.
KLM uk	KLM uk Ltd, a subsidiary of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines which is incorporated in the Netherlands.
Load factor	The proportion of seating capacity of an aircraft which is actually used.
Mppa	Million passengers per annum.
Night quota period	The period from 2330 local time to 0600 local time.
No-frills airline	A low-cost airline with high-density seating and a limited on-board service offering generally lower fares usually for travel from secondary airports where operating costs are lower.
Noise quota	The maximum permitted sum of the quota counts of all aircraft of an airline taking off or landing at a particular airport during any one season in the night quota period as laid down by the DETR .
Open skies	The descriptive term for the type of bilateral agreement which the USA has sought to negotiate with individual countries. It removes most restrictions on international air services but does not grant access to the US domestic market.
QC	Quota count. The amount of noise quota assigned to one take-off or to one landing of the aircraft in question with the quota count being related to the noise classification of the aircraft.
Pier	A fixed corridor which links the terminal to an aircraft stand to give passengers direct access to an aircraft or to a coaching gate.
Ramp	The operational area adjacent to an aircraft on stand.
ROS	Return on sales, calculated as total revenue minus all costs, direct and indirect, but excluding corporate overheads as a percentage of revenue.
RPK	Revenue passenger kilometres; defined as the number of paying passengers multiplied by kilometres travelled.
RUCATSE report	Runway Capacity to serve the South East. The report of a working group set up by the Department of Transport published in July 1993 and representing a wide variety of interests.
Ryanair	Ryanair Limited.
Scheduled service	A service publicly advertised by an airline through its issued timetables sold directly by the airline to the public or via a travel agent. Non-scheduled services are other flights provided by airlines which carry passengers or cargo, for example charter services .
Slot	The scheduled time of arrival or departure at an airport available or allocated to an aircraft movement on a specified date.
Slot pool	A pool of slots relating to a coordinated period containing newly created slots , unused slots , slots which have been given up by a carrier or which otherwise have become available.
South-east England	The area comprising Greater London and the counties of Kent, East Sussex,

Surrey, West Sussex, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex.

Terminal passenger	A passenger joining or leaving an aircraft at an airport. A passenger travelling between two airports is counted twice in statistics, once at each airport. A passenger who changes from one aircraft to another carrying the same flight number is treated as a terminal passenger.
TDRs	Traffic Distribution Rules. Government regulations under section 31 of the Airports Act 1986 which provide for restrictions on how air traffic is to be distributed between two or more airports serving the same area.
Transfer passenger	A passenger who changes, usually at a hub airport, from one aircraft to another, often of the same airline.
Transit passenger	A passenger who arrives at and departs from an airport on the same aircraft. Each transit passenger is counted once only in statistics and not both on arrival and on departure.
T&G	Transport & General Workers Union.
Virgin Atlantic	Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited.
VPP	Voting power percentage. A system devised by the Gatwick Scheduling Committee for voting on particular matters. It is also the basis of the initial allocation of night movements and QC to airlines.
Yield	Total revenue from a route divided by the number of paying passengers.