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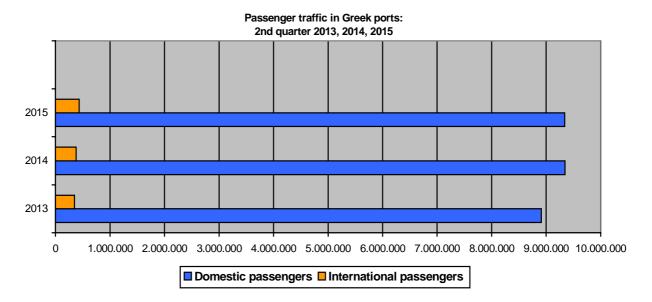
TRAFFIC OF PASSENGERS GOODS AND MOBILE UNITS IN GREEK PORTS: 2^{ND} QUARTER 2015

(Provisional data)

In the 2nd quarter 2015 the total passenger traffic in Greek ports recorded an increase of 0.5% compared with the 2nd quarter 2014. The corresponding quarter of 2014 compared with 2013 the total passenger traffic increased by 5.0% (table 1)

In the 2nd quarter 2015 the total movements of goods in Greek ports decrease 5.5% in comparison with the 2nd quarter 2014.In contrast the corresponding quarter of 2014 compared with 2013 the total movements of goods increased by 6.1% (table 2)

The corresponding changes in the traffic of mobile units are illustrated in table 3



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Table 1 Domestic and international passenger traffic in Greek ports: 2nd quarter 2013, 2014, 2015

2 nd Quarter							
	2013	2014	2015	Change % 2014/2013 2015/2014			
Domestic passengers (Disembarked or embarked)	8,909,854	9,345,119	9,337,109	4.9	-0.1		
International passengers	350,503	379,833	434,693	8.4	14.4		
Disembarked	195,852	204,583	236,650	4.5	15.7		
Embarked	154,651	175,250	198,043	13.3	13.0		
Total	9,260,357	9,724,952	9,771,802	5.0	0,5		

Table 2 Domestic and international movements of goods in Greek ports: 2^{nd} quarter 2013, 2014, 2015

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In tones	2013	2014	2015	Change % 2014/2013 2015/2014	
Domestic goods Unloaded or loaded)	7,792,706	8,219,565	8,099,423	5.5	-1.5
International goods	25,123,633	26,693,286	24,894,972	6.2	-6.7
Unloaded	13,712,706	14,582,240	13,892,017	6.3	-4.7
Loaded	11,410,927	12,111,046	11,002,955	6.1	-9.1
Total	32,916,339	34,912,851	32,994,395	6.1	-5.5

Table 3 Domestic and international traffic of mobile units in Greek ports: 2^{nd} quarter 2013, 2014, 2015

2 nd Quarter							
_	2013	2014	2015		nge % 2015/2014		
Domestic mobile units (Unloaded or loaded)	2,330,023	2,341,950	2,382,163	0.5	1.7		
International mobile units	161,713	169,711	210,633	4.9	24.1		
Unloaded	92,248	94,322	116,354	2.2	23.4		
Loaded	69,465	75,389	94,279	8.5	25.1		
Total	2,491,736	2,511,661	2,592,796	0.8	3.2		

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Survey on the traffic of passengers goods and mobile units in Greek ports The survey on traffic of passengers goods and mobile units in Greek ports has being conducted on a monthly basis since 1960 and it has been producing quarterly and annual results This survey is conducted in compliance with EU regulation 2009/42 which provides for the harmonization of statistical returns in respect of carriage of passengers goods by sea in the EU Member States

The purpose of the survey is to collect statistical data on maritime transport and to disseminate these data to all relevant users and mostly to Eurostat

Legal framework

This survey is fully harmonized with EU legislation and more specifically with Council Directive (EC) 95/64 of 8/12/1995 which was replaced by Directive (EC) 2009/42 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6/5/2009

Reference period

The data of the survey refer to the 2nd quarter 2015

Coverage

The survey applies to all merchant vessels of net tonnage 10 GRT and over which carry passengers goods and mobile units by sea to and from domestic and international ports for commercial purposes Consequently the above Directive shall not apply to fish-catching vessels research and survey vessels dredgers naval vessels or vessels used solely for non-commercial purposes

Methodology

The survey is an exhaustive which is conducted for all vessels meeting the necessary criteria. The survey is carried out by means of specialized questionnaires which must be filed in by the competent bodies. These bodies are:

- a) The domestic Port Authorities which have the responsibility to fill in the questionnaires for the goods transport in cooperation with the maritime transport agent
- b) The shipping companies and the financial officers of the ships who have the responsibility to fill in the questionnaires for the passenger traffic It should be noted that the shipping companies which are equipped with the necessary computerized system submit the data electronically to ELSTAT
- c) Piraeus Port Authority (OLP) and Thessaloniki Port Authority (OLTH) which record the large majority of goods transport data send these statistical returns to ELSTAT electronically by means of a specially designed software application

ELSTAT after having received all the above mentioned data proceeds to data controls codification processing and tabulation of the data

It should be stressed that the survey is conducted in compliance with international classifications and definitions applied for the variables of the relevant survey which are laid down in Eurostat's manual «Reference Manual on Maritime Transport Statistics Version November 2012»

References

More information (tables charts) concerning the survey on maritime transport of passenger goods and mobile units in the Greek ports by merchant vessels can be found on the web page of ELSTAT (www.statisticsgr) under the link << Industry, Transport > Transport > Shipping > Passenger and goods transportation>>.