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TRAFFIC OF PASSENGERS, GOODS AND MOBILE UNITS IN GREEK PORTS:

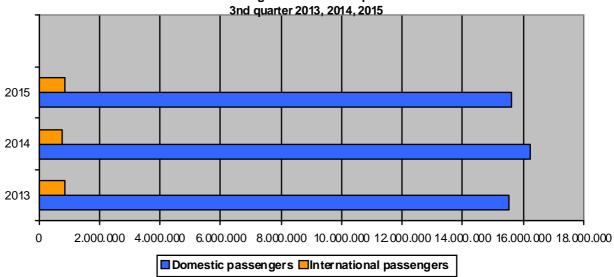
3RD QUARTER 2015

(Provisional data)

In the 3rd quarter 2015 the total passenger traffic in Greek ports recorded a decrease of 3.2% compared with the 3rd quarter 2014. In the corresponding quarter of 2014 compared with 2013 the total passenger traffic increased by 3.9% (table 1)

In the 3rd quarter 2015 the total movements of goods in Greek ports decreased by 5.4% in comparison with the 3rd quarter 2014. In contrast, in the corresponding quarter of 2014 compared with 2013 the total movements of goods increased by $6.6\%^1$ (table 2).

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



Passenger traffic in Greek ports:

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¹ Data for the movement of goods have been revised for the 3rd quarter of 2014 on account of the submission of erroneous data by an enterprise.

	3 rd Quarter				
	2013	2014	2015	Change % 2014/2013 2015/2014	
Domestic passengers (Disembarked or embarked)	15,530,986	16,243,535	15,606,951	4.6	-3.9
International passengers	844,902	772,198	860,432	-8.6	11.4
Disembarked	418,801	395,197	422,828	-5.6	7.0
Embarked	426,101	377,001	437,604	-11.5	16.1
Total	16,375,888	17.015.733	16,467,383	3.9	-3.2

Table 1 Domestic and international passenger traffic in Greek ports:3rd quarter 2013, 2014, 2015

Table 2 Domestic and international movements of goods in Greek ports:3rd quarter 2013, 2014, 2015

In tonnes	2013	2014	2015	Change % 2014/2013 2015/2014	
<i>Domestic goods</i> Unloaded or loaded)	8,821,180	8,718,032 ¹	8,249,304	-1.2	-5.4
International goods	24,905,942	27,225,223	25,752,939	9.3	-5.4
Unloaded	14,142,529	15,883,573	14,606,588	12.3	-8.0
Loaded	10,763,413	11,341,650	11,146,351	5.4	-1.7
Total	33,727,122	35,943,255	34,002,243	6.6	-5.4

Table 3 Domestic and international traffic of mobile units in Greek ports:

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	3 rd Quarter				
_	2013	2014	2015	Change % 2014/2013 2015/2014	
Domestic mobile units (Unloaded or loaded)	3,737,733	3,852,944	3,674,721	3.1	-4.6
International mobile units	275,854	304,407	316,134	10.4	3.9
Unloaded	138,913	154,416	169,131	11.2	9.5
Loaded	136,941	149,991	147,003	9.5	-2.0
Total	4,013,587	4,157,351	3,990,855	3.6	-4.0

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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 is 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 3 rd quarter 2015.
Coverage	The survey covers 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 survey 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 and 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 checks, 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

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 (<u>wwwstatistics.gr</u>) under the link << Industry, Trade, Services, Transport > Transport >Shipping > Passenger and goods transportation>>.