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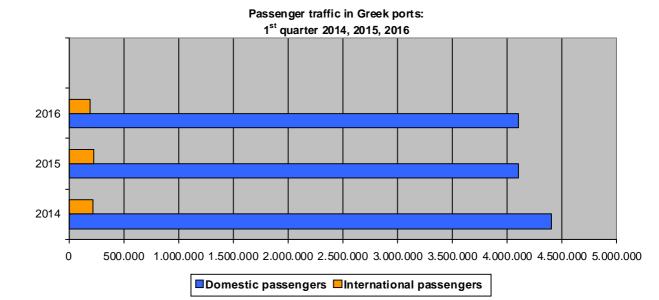
TRAFFIC OF PASSENGERS, GOODS AND MOBILE UNITS IN GREEK PORTS:

1ST QUARTER 2016 (Provisional data)

In the 1st quarter 2016 the total passenger traffic in Greek ports recorded a decrease of 0.9% compared with the 1st quarter 2015¹. In the corresponding quarter of 2015 compared with 2014 the total passenger traffic decreased by 6.3% (table 1).

In the 1st guarter 2016 the total movements of goods in Greek ports increased by 0.3% in comparison with the 1st quarter 2015. In contrast, in the corresponding quarter of 2015 compared with 2014 the total movements of goods increased by 4.4% (table 2).

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



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¹ Data for the movement of domestic passengers have been revised for the 1st quarter of 2015 and 2014 on account of erroneous data entry.

	1 st Quarter							
_	2014	2015	2016 4,100,535	Change % 2015/2014 2016/2015				
<i>Domestic passengers</i> ² (Disembarked or embarked)	4,405,735	4,105,509		-6.8	-0.1			
International passengers	220,120	228,404	195,745	3.8	-14.3			
Disembarked	111,068	114,040	99,522	2.7	-12.7			
Embarked	109,052	114,364	96,223	4.9	-15.9			
Total	4,625,855	4,333,913	4,296,280	-6.3	-0.9			

Table 1 Domestic and international passenger traffic in Greek ports:1st quarter 2014, 2015, 2016

Table 2 Domestic and international movements of goods in Greek ports:1st quarter 2014, 2015, 2016

In tonnes Domestic goods Unloaded or loaded)	2014	2015 6,890,744	2016 7,069,187	Change % 2015/2014 2016/2015	
	6,761,524			1,9	2,6
International goods	24,462,331	25,700,574	25,616,011	5,1	-0,3
Unloaded	13,473,175	15,075,789	14,736,180	11,9	-2,3
Loaded	10,989,156	10,624,785	10,879,831	-3,3	2,4
Total	31,223,855	32,591,318	32,685,198	4,4	0,3

Table 3 Domestic and international traffic of mobile units in Greek ports:1st quarter 2014, 2015, 2016

	1 st Quarter						
	2014	2015	2016	Change % 2015/2014 2016/201			
Domestic mobile units (Unloaded or loaded)	1,563,637	1,438,888	1,486,367	-8,0	3,3		
International mobile units	117,856	138,488	117,921	17,5	-14,9		
Unloaded	62,063	71,439	62, 365	15,1	-12,7		
Loaded	55,793	67,049	55,556	20,2	-17,1		
Total	1,681,493	1,577,376	1,604,288	-6,2	1,7		

 $^{^2}$ Data for the movement of domestic passengers have been revised for the 1 $^{\rm st}$ quarter of 2015 and 2014 on account of erroneous data entry.

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Survey on the The survey on traffic of passengers goods and mobile units in Greek ports is conducted on traffic of a monthly basis since 1960 and it has been producing quarterly and annual results This passengers survey is conducted in compliance with EU regulation 2009/42 which provides for the goods and harmonization of statistical returns in respect of carriage of passengers goods by sea in mobile units in the EU Member States The purpose of the survey is to collect statistical data on maritime transport and to **Greek ports** disseminate these data to all relevant users and mostly to Eurostat, Legal This survey is fully harmonized with EU legislation and more specifically with Council framework 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 The data of the survey refer to the 1st quarter 2016, Reference period 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, Definitions Domestic Passengers: Refers to movement of passengers between Greek ports International passengers: Refers to movement of passengers with embarking or disembarking at foreign ports. 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 on the web page of ELSTAT (<u>wwwstatistics.gr</u>) under the link << *Industry, Trade, Services, Transport > Transport > Shipping > Passenger and goods transportation>>,*