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## PRESS RELEASE

## Laid-Up Merchant Ships: 2020

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on laid-up merchant ships of 100 GRT (Gross Register Tonnage) and over in Greek ports. More specifically:

- In December 2020, the number of laid-up ships in Greek ports amounted to 74; 24 out of these ships were under the Greek flag and 50 ships were under foreign flag.
- In December 2020 compared with December 2019, the total number of laid-up ships increased by 15.6% and the total tonnage increased by 52.9%. When comparing the corresponding data of the year 2019 with the year 2018, it is observed that the total number of laid-up ships decreased by 8.6% and the total tonnage increased by 0.4% (Table 1).
- In 2020 compared with 2019, the number of laid-up ships of 100 GRT and over, under Greek flag, in Greek ports increased by 20.0% and their total tonnage decreased by 23.2%, respectively. When comparing the corresponding data of the year 2019 with the year 2018, a decrease of 9.1% is observed in the number of laid-up ships of 100 GRT and over, under Greek flag, and a decrease of 71.4% in their total tonnage (Table 1).



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Table 1. Laid up merchant ships under Greek and foreign flags of 100 GRT and over 2018 - 2020 <sup>1</sup>											
Flag	2018		2019		2020		Chang 2019/2018		ge % 2020/2019		
	Number of ships	GRT	Number of ships	GRT	Number of ships	GRT	Number of ships	GRT	Number of ships	GRT	
Total	70	904,292	64	907,585	74	1,387,827	-8.6	0.4	15.6	52.9	
Greek flag	22	112,644	20	32,228	24	24,765	-9.1	-71.4	20.0	-23.2	
Foreign flags	48	791,648	44	875,357	50	1,363,062	-8.3	10.6	13.6	55.7	

<sup>1</sup> The number of ships refer to the ships which are laid up in December of each year.



Table 2. Laid up merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, under Greek flag by categories 2018 – 2020 <sup>1</sup>											
Type of ship	2018		2019		2020		Chang 2019/2018		ge % 2020/2019		
	Number of ships	GRT	Number of ships	GRT	Number of ships	GRT	Number of ships	GRT	Number of ships	GRT	
Total	22	112,644	20	32,228	24	24,765	-9.1	-71.4	20.0	-23.2	
Dry cargo ships	1	491	2	1,604	7	6,242	100.0	226.7	250.0	289.2	
Tankers	5	64,617	4	9,589	2	2,152	-20.0	-85.2	-50.0	-77.6	
Passenger ships	7	43,837	10	19,005	10	15,202	42.9	-56.6	0.0	-20.0	
Other	9	3,699	4	2,030	5	1,169	-55.6	-45.1	25.0	-42.4	

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

- Survey on laid up merchant ships mer
- **Legal Framework** The survey is conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Permanent Joint Circular of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine dated 16/1/1975, which was replaced by the Permanent Joint Circular dated 15/4/1998, with retroactive effect since 1-1-1998.
- **Reference Period** The results of the survey refer to the last month of the reference year.
  - **Coverage** The survey covers all domestic Port Authorities, which send a report on a monthly basis to the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) pertaining to the laid up merchant ships under Greek and foreign flag.
  - **Definitions** Laid up ship: A ship is laid up when it is retired from active service for various reasons, such as lack of freight, repair, inspection, putting out of commission, etc, for a period of more than one day.

**Merchant ship:** Seagoing self-propelled vessel, at least of 10 GRT, designed for the carriage of goods, transport of passengers, for fishing, towing or specially fitted out for other commercial maritime activities.

**Gross Register Tonnage (GRT):** Unit of measurement of the total volume in cubic feet of the spaces within the hull and of the enclosed spaces above the deck which are available for carrying goods, food, passengers and crew. It equals to the volume of 100 cubic feet or 2.83 m<sup>3</sup>.

**Net Register Tonnage (NRT):** unit of measurement derived from the gross tonnage by deducting allowances in respect of spaces used for the crew, navigating and propelling machinery, fuel and water ballasts, and other spaces not used for passengers or cargo.

**Age of ship:** Indicated by the year of original construction of the hull or that of the hull containing the engine room.

- **Methodology** It is an exhaustive survey conducted by all domestic Port Authorities, which report to ELSTAT, on a monthly basis, information about the laid up merchant ships (such as category, GRT, etc.) beginning and ending dates of their laying-up, the reason for being laid up, etc.
  - **References** Further information (tables, charts) concerning the Survey on Laid up Merchant Ships Fleet can be found on the webpage of ELSTAT (<u>www.statistics.gr</u>), under the link: <u>https://www.statistics.gr/el/statistics/-/publication/SMA15</u>