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PRESS RELEASE

GREEK MERCHANT FLEET: May 2020 (Provisional data)

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces data on the Greek Merchant Fleet (for vessels of 100 GRT¹) for May 2020. Particularly:

- The Greek Merchant Fleet decreased by 1.1% in May 2020 compared with May 2019, while an increase of 0.9% was recorded in May 2019 compared with May 2018 (Table 1).
- The gross tonnage of the Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, recorded a decrease of 3.0% in May 2020 compared with May 2019. A decrease of 2.4% was recorded in May 2019 compared with May 2018 (Table 1).





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¹ **GRT:** Gross Tonnage

Table 1. Number and tonnage of Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by types of ships,May 2018 – 2020

Мау												
	2018		2019		Change % 2019/2018		2020		Change % 2020/2019			
Types of ships	Number of Ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of Ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of Ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of Ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of Ships	Tonnage (GRT)		
Cargo	423	13,165,131	416	12,458,120	-1.7	-5.4	406	11,911,543	-2.4	-4.4		
Tankers	521	29,340,557	509	29,020,402	-2.3	-1.1	483	28,228,990	-5.1	-2.7		
Passenger ships	657	1,342,022	691	1,294,045	5.2	-3.6	710	1,329,848	2.7	2.8		
Other	259	91,552	260	90,316	0.4	-1.4	257	88,156	-1.2	-2.4		
Total:	1,860	43,939,262	1,876	42,862,883	0.9	-2.4	1,856	41,558,537	-1.1	-3.0		

Graph 2a: Number of Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by types of ships, May 2018 – 2020



Graph 2b: Tonnage of Greek Merchant Ships of 100 GRT and over, by types of ships, May 2018 – 2020



Table 2. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by tonnage groups,May 2018 – 2020

Мау												
	2018		2019		Change % 2019/2018		2020		Change % 2020/2019			
Tonnage	Number	Tonnage	Number	Tonnage	Number	Tonnage	Number	Tonnage	Number	Tonnage		
Groups	of Ships	(GRT)	of Ships	(GRT)	of Ships	(GRT)	of Ships	(GRT)	of Ships	(GRT)		
[100-500)	773	193,557	812	201,363	5.0	4.0	820	202,955	1.0	0.8		
[500-3,000)	355	435,815	356	439,316	0.3	0.8	352	436,350	-1.1	-0.7		
[3,000-7,000)	75	334,417	76	339,215	1.3	1.4	74	328,831	-2.6	-3.1		
[7,000-10,000)	24	204,176	24	204,176	0.0	0.0	25	213,640	4.2	4.6		
[10,000-20,000)	46	674,985	48	707,015	4.3	4.7	48	708,885	0.0	0.3		
[20,000-30,000)	74	1,952,094	68	1,795,562	-8.1	-8.0	71	1,877,302	4.4	4.6		
[30,000+	513	40,144,218	492	39,176,236	-4.1	-2.4	466	37,790,574	-5.3	-3.5		
Total:	1,860	43,939,262	1,876	42,862,883	0.9	-2.4	1,856	41,558,537	-1.1	-3.0		





Table 3. Distribution of Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by age groups, May 2018 – 2020

May											
	2018		2019		Change % 2019/2018		2020		Change % 2020/2019		
Age Groups	Number of Ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of Ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of Ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of Ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of Ships	Tonnage (GRT)	
(0-5)	154	8,479,954	164	9,300,716	6.5	9.7	135	7,822,012	-17.7	-15.9	
[5-10)	230	13,028,913	172	10,422,323	-25.2	-20.0	178	10,860,153	3.5	4.2	
[10-15)	271	10,897,749	274	10,813,627	1.1	-0.8	263	10,332,882	-4.0	-4.4	
[15-20)	200	7,173,275	226	8,011,620	13.0	11.7	219	8,045,275	-3.1	0.4	
[20-25)	95	833,562	106	792,713	11.6	-4.9	126	1,379,141	18.9	74.0	
[25-30)	118	657,201	96	425,604	-18.6	-35.2	100	151,590	4.2	-64.4	
[30+	792	2,868,608	838	3,096,280	5.8	7.9	835	2,967,484	-0.4	-4.2	
Total:	1,860	43,939,262	1,876	42,862,883	0.9	-2.4	1,856	41,558,537	-1.1	-3.0	

Graph 4a: Distribution of Greek Merchant ships 100 GRT and over, by age groups, May 2018 – 2020



Graph 4b: Tonnage of Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by age groups, May 2018 – 2020



METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

GreekThe Survey on the Greek Merchant Fleet is conducted on a monthly basis since 1964Merchant Fleetwithout any major methodological changes ever since. The purpose of the survey is
to fully record statistical data on the number and basic characteristics of the Greek
merchant ships, thus depicting the evolution over the course of time of the Greek
merchant fleet.

Legal The survey is conducted in compliance with the joint Ministerial Decision (No 6792/G-81/11-4-97), signed by the Minister of National Economy and the Minister of Mercantile Marine.

Reference

- **Period** The results of the survey refer to the end of May 2020.
- **Coverage** The survey covers all domestic Port Authorities, as well as Greek Consular Port Authorities abroad, which keep ship registers. These Authorities have to send a report on a monthly basis to the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), pertaining to the changes in the Greek merchant ships registered in their ship registers.
- **Definitions** 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.

Greek merchant fleet: The total number of the merchant ships under Greek flag. The Greek flag carried by these ships means that all their maritime activities (subsidies for ship building, cargo limitations and other tax provisions) are governed by commercial and economic rules which are laid down by the respective Greek authorities.

Gross Register Tonnage (GRT): Refers to the spaces within the hull and of the enclosed spaces above the deck which are available for carrying goods, food, passengers and crew. GRT is equal to the volume of 100 cubic feet or 2.83 m³.

Net Register Tonnage (NRT): It is 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 and Greek Consular Port Authorities abroad, which report to ELSTAT, on a monthly basis, on changes in the ships pertaining to: a) new registrations of ships in the ship registers, b) change in the name of a ship, c) change of ownership, d) transfers to or from a different port, e) deletion of a ship from a ship' s register, f) final measurement – remeasurement of ships, g) replacement of the ship's engine.

All these data, after being dully processed, are used to update, through a specially designed software application, the Official Register of Greek Merchant Ships. This Register is used for the production of monthly and annual statistical results.

References Further information (tables, charts) concerning the Survey on the Greek Merchant Fleet can be found on the webpage of ELSTAT (<u>www.statistics.gr</u>), under the link: https://www.statistics.gr/el/statistics/-/publication/SMA27