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

2TH QUARTER 2013

(Provisional data)

In the 2th quarter 2013 the total passenger traffic in Greek ports recorded a decline of 4,0% compared with the 2th quarter 2012. The corresponding quarter of 2012 compared with 2011 the total passenger traffic decreased by 7,8% (table 1).

In the 2th quarter 2013 the total movements of goods in Greek ports rose 1,8% in comparison with the 2th quarter 2012. In contrast, the corresponding quarter of 2012 compared with 2011 the total movements of goods increased by 26,1% (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: $2^{th}\, quarter\, 2011,\, 2012,\, 2013$

	2 th Quarter						
	2011	2012	2013	Change % 2012/2011 2013/2012			
Domestic passengers (Disembarked or embarked)	9.862.861	9.178.281	8.827.463	-6,9	-3,8		
International passengers	430.015	310.215	283.252	-27,9	-8,7		
Disembarked	242.403	172.311	160.009	-28,9	-7,1		
Embarked	187.612	137.904	123.243	-26,5	-10,6		
Total	10.292.876	9.488.496	9.110.715	-7,8	-4,0		

Table 2. Domestic and international movements of goods in Greek ports: 2^{th} quarter 2011, 2012, 2013

In tonnes	2 th Quarter						
	2011	2012	2013	Change % 2012/2011 2013/2012			
Domestic goods (unloaded or loaded)	6.920.930	7.940.621	7.783.323	14,7	-2,0		
International goods	18.557.151	24.188.983	24.940.157	30,3	3,1		
Jnloaded	11.706.142	14.388.248	13.618.857	22,9	-5,3		
Loaded	6.851.009	9.800.735	11.321.300	43,1	15,5		
Total	25.478.081	32.129.604	32.723.480	26,1	1,8		

Table 3. Domestic and international traffic of mobile units in Greek ports: 2^{th} quarter 2011, 2012, 2013

	2 th Quarter						
	2011	2012	2013	Change % 2012/2011 2013/2012			
Domestic mobile units	2.597.188	2.433.888	2.292.169	-6,3	- 5 ,8		
(unloaded or loaded)							
International mobile units	186.492	143.314	129.179	-23,2	- 9,9		
Unloaded	107.857	81.836	75.051	-24,1	-8,3		
Loaded	78.635	61.478	54.128	-21,8	-12,0		
Total	2.783.680	2.577.202	2.421.348	-7,4	-6,0		

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Survey on the traffic of passengers, goods and mobile units in Greek ports has being conducted on a monthly basis since 1960 and it has been producing monthly, 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 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** The data of the survey refer to the 2th quarter 2013.

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- **Coverage** The survey applies to all merchant vessels of 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 *Methodology of maritime statistics*, *Version 1, February 2002.*

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>www.statistics.gr</u>) under the link: *Statistical Themes >Transport> Maritime Transport> Passengers and goods transport*