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

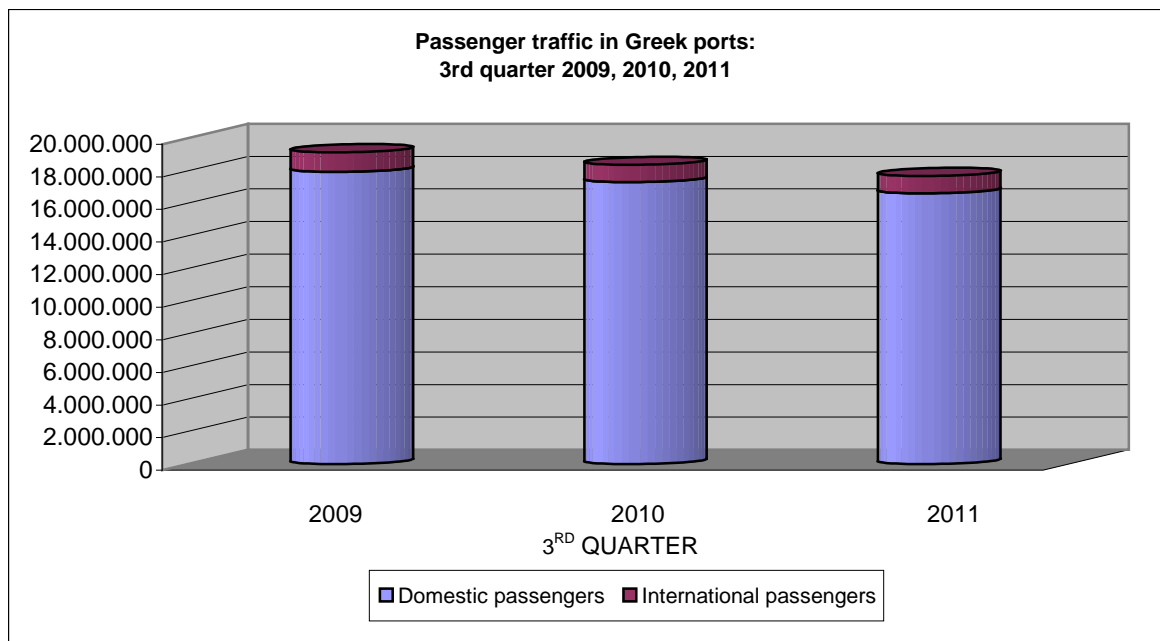
3RD QUARTER 2011

(Provisional data)

In the 3rd quarter 2011 the total passenger traffic in Greek ports recorded a decrease of 3,7% compared with the 3rd quarter 2010. The corresponding quarter of 2010 compared with 2009 the total passenger traffic decreased by 4,0% (table 1).

In the 3rd quarter 2011 the total movements of goods in Greek ports rose by 12,5% in comparison with the 3rd quarter 2010. In contrast, the corresponding quarter of 2010 compared with 2009 the total movements of goods decreased by 2,8% (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:
3rd quarter 2009, 2010, 2011**

	3 rd Quarter				
	2009	2010	2011	Change % 2010/2009	Change % 2011/2010
Domestic passengers (Disembarked or embarked)	17.927.000	17.296.088	16.615.174	-3,5	-3,9
International passengers	1.205.339	1.061.854	1.058.163	-11,9	-0,3
Disembarked	607.734	529.228	526.386	-12,9	-0,5
Embarked	597.605	532.626	531.777	-10,9	-0,2
Total	19.132.339	18.357.942	17.673.337	-4,0	-3,7

**Table 2. Domestic and international movements of goods in Greek ports:
3rd quarter 2009, 2010, 2011**

In tonnes	3 rd Quarter				
	2009	2010	2011	Change % 2010/2009	Change % 2011/2010
Domestic goods (unloaded or loaded)	9.757.444	7.687.666	8.925.758	-21,2	16,1
International goods	16.751.474	18.091.801	20.080.477	8,0	11,0
Unloaded	11.582.819	12.005.463	12.740.274	3,6	6,1
Loaded	5.168.655	6.086.338	7.340.203	17,8	20,6
Total	26.508.918	25.779.467	29.006.235	-2,8	12,5

**Table 3. Domestic and international traffic of mobile units in Greek ports:
3rd quarter 2009, 2010, 2011**

	3 rd Quarter				
	2009	2010	2011	Change % 2010/2009	Change % 2011/2010
Domestic mobile units (unloaded or loaded)	4.607.945	4.372.290	4.325.631	-5,1	-1,1
International mobile units	373.334	360.128	352.652	-3,5	-2,1
Unloaded	191.783	182.480	176.962	-4,9	-3,0
Loaded	181.551	177.648	175.690	-2,1	-1,1
Total	4.981.279	4.732.418	4.678.283	-5,0	-1,1

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 has been 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 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 3rd quarter 2011.

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 filled 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 (www.statistics.gr) under the link: *Statistical Themes >Transport> Maritime Transport> Passengers and goods transport*