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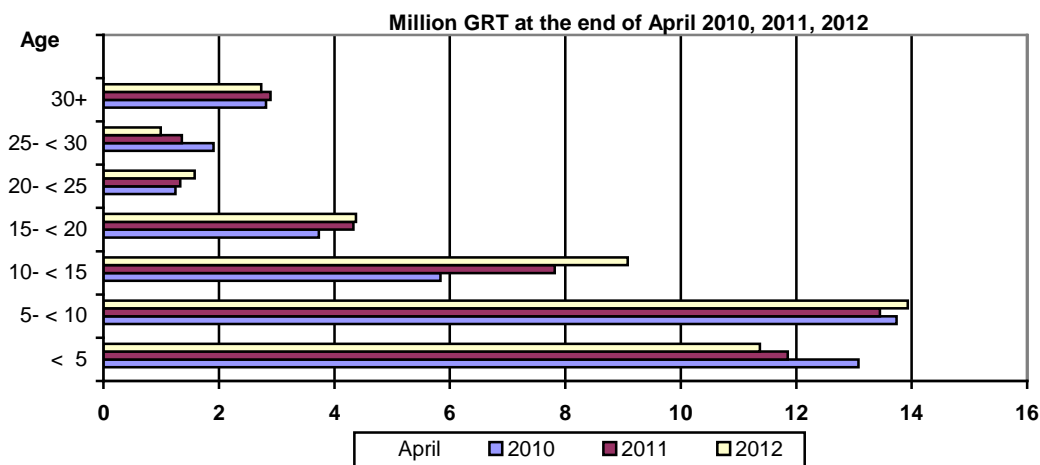
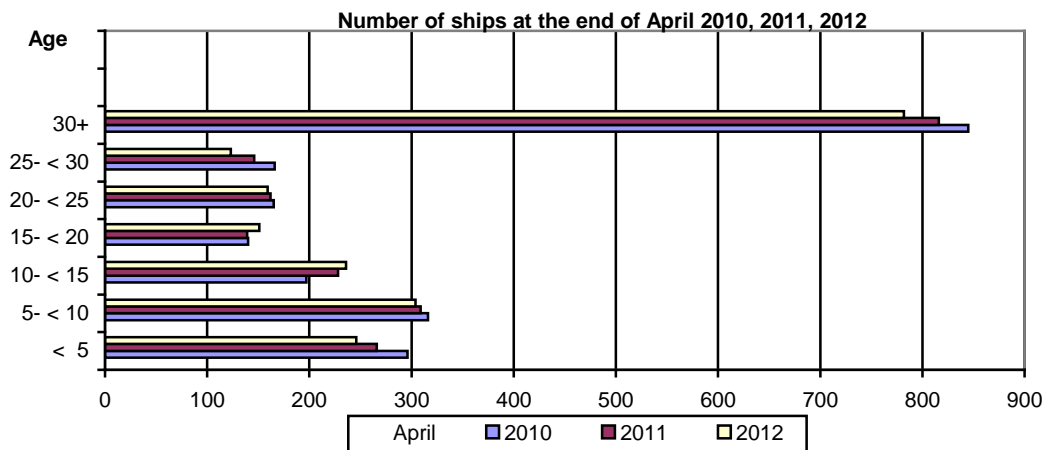
GREEK MERCHANT FLEET: April 2012

(Provisional data)

The Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, decreased by 3.1% in April 2012 compared with April 2011. The Greek Merchant Fleet recorded a decline of 2.8% in April 2011 compared with April 2010 (Table 1).

The gross tonnage of the Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, increased by 2.4% in April 2012 compared with April 2011, while in April 2011 compared with April 2010 it was up by 1.6% (Table 1).

Chart 1. Distribution of the Greek merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by age groups.



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Table 1. Greek Merchant Fleet of 100 GRT and over : April 2010, 2011, 2012

Type of ships	April									
	2010		2011		2012		Change%			
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	2011/2010		2012/2011	
							Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	2.125	42.363.761	2.066	43.032.593	2.001	44.061.430	-2,8	1,6	-3,1	2,4
Cargo	600	15.174.437	576	15.977.529	545	16.024.027	-4,0	5,3	-5,4	0,3
Tankers	563	25.548.524	542	25.436.576	540	26.485.754	-3,7	-0,4	-0,4	4,1
Passenger ships	727	1.577.093	715	1.554.531	684	1.485.991	-1,7	-1,4	-4,3	-4,4
Other	235	63.707	233	63.957	232	65.658	-0,9	0,4	-0,4	2,7

**Table 2. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over by tonnage groups:
April 2010, 2011, 2012.**

Tonnage groups	April					
	2010		2011		2012	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	2.125	42.363.761	2.066	43.032.593	2.001	44.061.430
100 -< 500	881	222.531	851	214.650	814	205.860
500- < 3.000	415	516.865	392	481.970	364	456.131
3.000 -< 7.000	72	331.212	77	346.338	79	353.847
7.000- < 10.000	31	261.437	30	253.257	28	236.565
10.000- < 20.000	72	1.080.475	62	935.388	55	822.545
20.000 -< 30.000	116	3.037.242	98	2.572.024	89	2.362.607
30.000 +	538	36.913.999	556	38.228.966	572	39.623.875

**Table3. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by age groups :
April 2010, 2011, 2012**

Age groups	April					
	2010		2011		2012	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	2.125	42.363.761	2.066	43.032.593	2.001	44.061.430
< 5	296	13.079.489	266	11.852.872	246	11.372.960
5- < 10	316	13.739.292	309	13.448.358	304	13.934.367
10- < 15	197	5.837.499	228	7.817.510	236	9.080.489
15- < 20	140	3.733.528	139	4.329.910	151	4.372.617
20- < 25	165	1.249.019	162	1.331.533	159	1.577.519
25- < 30	166	1.906.302	146	1.356.887	123	989.976
30+	845	2.818.632	816	2.895.523	782	2.733.502

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

- Greek Merchant Fleet Survey** The Survey on the Greek Merchant Fleet has been producing results since 1964. It has been conducted on a monthly basis without 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 Framework** 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 April 2012.
- 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 registered in Greece, which belong to natural or legal persons residing on the Greek territory. 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):** 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 m³.
- 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 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 register, f) final measurement – remeasurement of ships, g) replacement of the ship's engine.
All these data, after being fully 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 (www.statistics.gr), under the link: - *Statistical Themes - Transport- Maritime transport – Greek Merchant Fleet of 10 GRT and over.*