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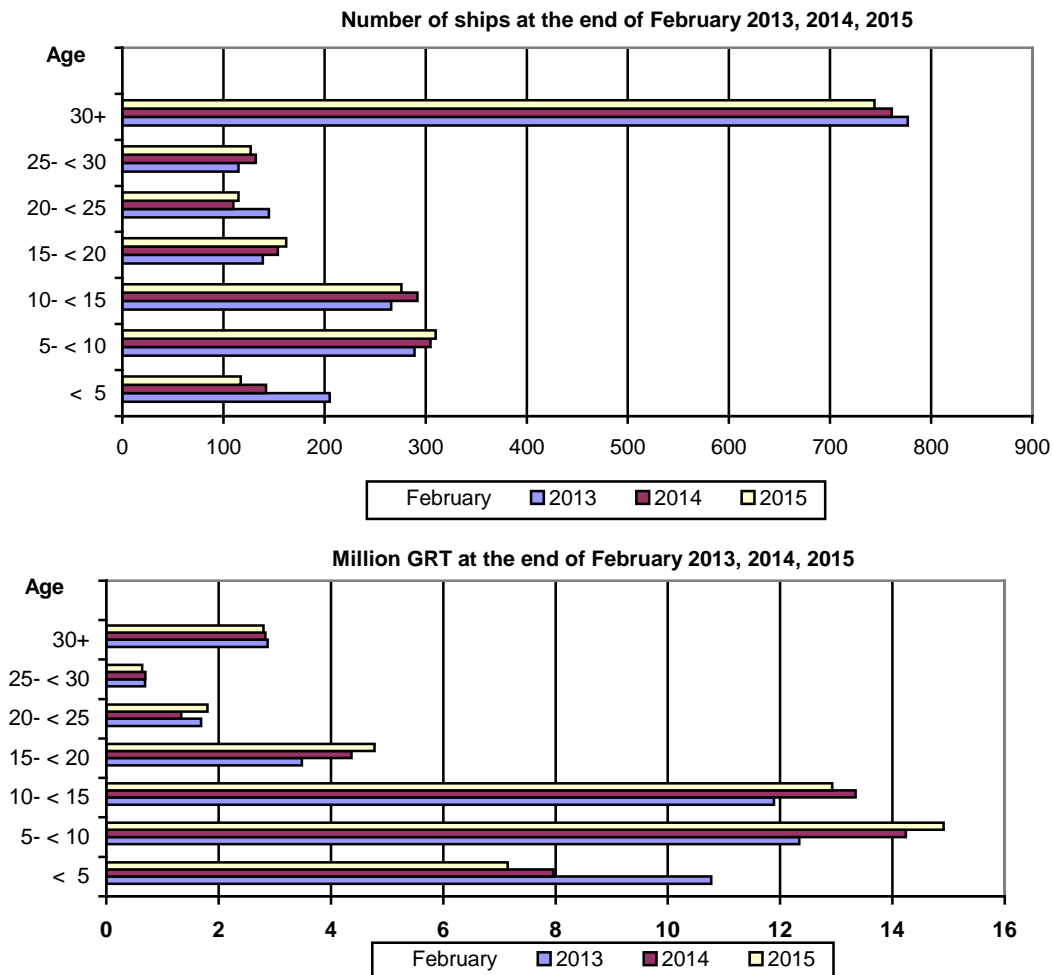
## GREEK MERCHANT FLEET: FEBRUARY 2015

(Provisional data)

The Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, decreased by 2,4% in February 2015 compared to February 2014, while the Greek Merchant Fleet recorded a decline of 2,1% in February 2014 compared with January 2013 (Table 1).

The gross tonnage of the Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, increased by 0,5% in February 2015 compared to February 2014, while in February 2014 compared to February 2013 it was up by 2,4% (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: February 2013, 2014, 2015**

Type of ships	February									
	2013		2014		2015		Change%			
	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)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.936</b>	<b>43.735.293</b>	<b>1.896</b>	<b>44.782.043</b>	<b>1.851</b>	<b>44.999.324</b>	<b>-2,1</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>-2,4</b>	<b>0,5</b>
Cargo	520	15.988.227	508	15.912.020	500	16.266.135	-2,3	-0,5	-1,6	2,2
Tankers	530	26.284.821	533	27.425.739	524	27.309.716	0,6	4,3	-1,7	-0,4
Passenger ships	645	1.388.186	619	1.374.722	600	1.358.324	-4,0	-1,0	-3,1	-1,2
Other	241	74.059	236	69.562	227	65.149	-2,1	-6,1	-3,8	-6,3

**Table 2. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over by tonnage groups:  
February 2013, 2014, 2015.**

Tonnage groups	February					
	2013		2014		2015	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.936</b>	<b>43.735.293</b>	<b>1.896</b>	<b>44.782.043</b>	<b>1.851</b>	<b>44.999.324</b>
100 -< 500	779	197.956	750	189.969	724	183.908
500- < 3.000	352	442.373	342	434.011	330	413.171
3.000 -< 7.000	72	323.390	69	309.643	71	315.982
7.000- < 10.000	27	228.670	25	210.969	23	195.134
10.000- < 20.000	48	731.447	43	661.337	40	600.382
20.000 -< 30.000	91	2.436.980	96	2.600.815	93	2.514.546
30.000 +	567	39.374.477	571	40.375.299	570	40.776.201

**Table 3. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by age groups :  
February 2013, 2014, 2015**

Age groups	February					
	2013		2014		2015	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.936</b>	<b>43.735.293</b>	<b>1.896</b>	<b>44.782.043</b>	<b>1.851</b>	<b>44.999.324</b>
< 5	205	10.770.911	142	7.964.053	117	7.145.158
5- < 10	289	12.341.907	305	14.240.735	310	14.908.680
10- < 15	266	11.890.402	292	13.345.061	276	12.925.569
15- < 20	139	3.481.532	154	4.367.966	162	4.779.439
20- < 25	145	1.689.513	110	1.334.823	115	1.802.395
25- < 30	115	690.596	132	697.946	127	638.844
30+	777	2.870.432	761	2.831.459	744	2.799.239

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

<b>Greek Merchant Fleet Survey</b>	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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	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.
<b>Reference Period</b>	The results of the survey refer to the end of February 2015
<b>Coverage</b>	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.
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Merchant ship:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Greek merchant fleet:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Gross Register Tonnage (GRT):</b> 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>.</p> <p><b>Net Register Tonnage (NRT):</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Age of ship:</b> indicated by the year of original construction of the hull or that of the hull containing the engine room.</p>
<b>Methodology</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>References</b>	Further information (tables, charts) concerning the Survey on the Greek Merchant Fleet can be found on the webpage of ELSTAT ( <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> ), under the link: - <i>Statistical Themes - Transport- Maritime transport – Greek Merchant Fleet of 10 GRT and over.</i>