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GREEK MERCHANT FLEET: MARCH 2016

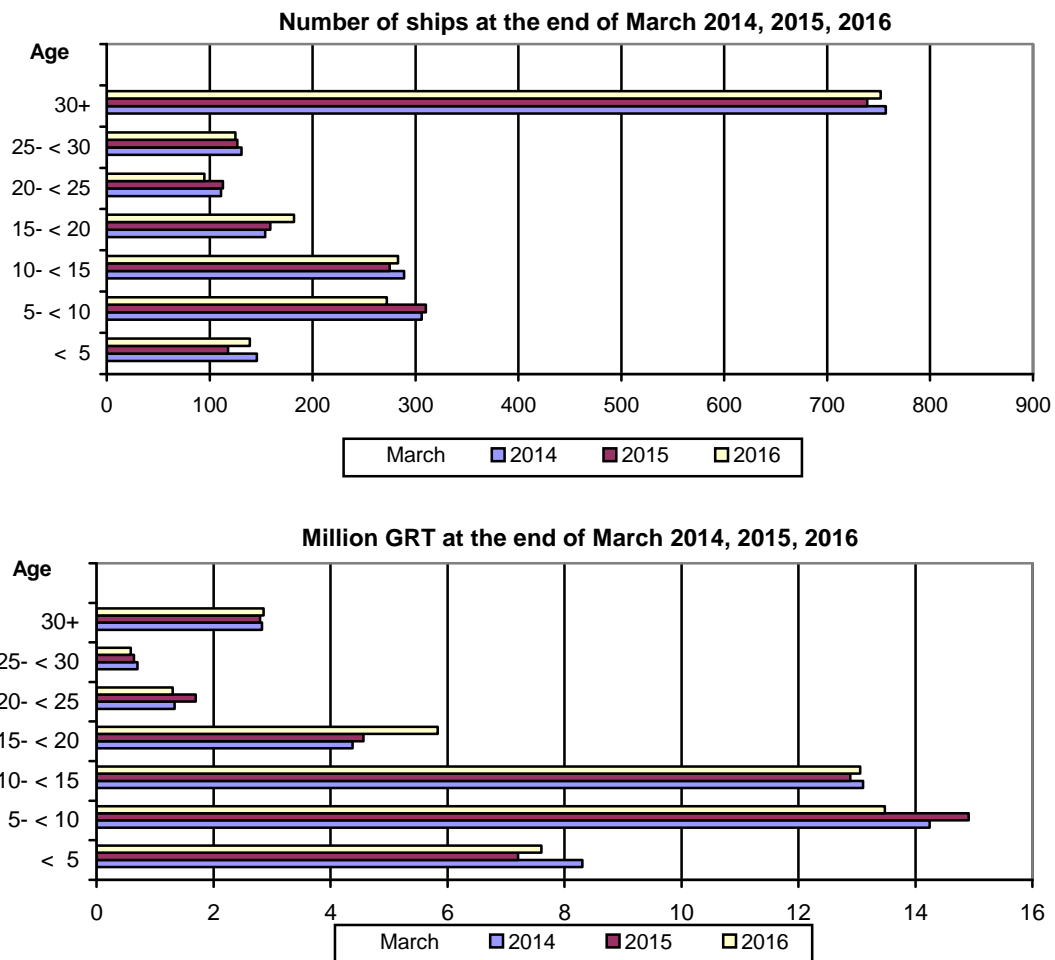
(Provisional data)

The Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, increased by 0.4% in March 2016 compared to March 2015, while the above Greek Merchant Fleet recorded a decline of 2.8% in March 2015 compared to March 2014 (Table 1).

The gross tonnage of the Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, remained unchanged (0.0%) in March 2016 compared to March 2015, while the above gross tonnage recorded a decrease of 0.4% in March 2015 compared to March 2014 (Table 1).

Chart 1 and Table 3 show the number of ships and the gross tonnage of the Greek Merchant Fleet by age groups and table 2 show the respective data by tonnage groups.

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: March 2014, 2015, 2016

Type of ships	March									
	2014		2015		2016		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)
Total	1,894	44,896,725	1,841	44,699,328	1,848	44,719,199	-2.8	-0.4	0.4	0.0
Cargo	508	16,127,346	494	16,080,897	474	15,483,344	-2.8	-0.3	-4.0	-3.7
Tankers	530	27,312,147	521	27,190,501	521	27,794,466	-1.7	-0.4	0.0	2.2
Passenger ships	620	1,387,670	599	1,361,795	614	1,357,251	-3.4	-1.9	2.5	-0.3
Other	236	69,562	227	66,135	239	84,138	-3.8	-4.9	5.3	27.2

**Table 2. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over by tonnage groups:
March 2014, 2015, 2016.**

Tonnage groups	March					
	2014		2015		2016	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	1,894	44,896,725	1,841	44,699,328	1,848	44,719,199
100 -< 500	746	188,539	724	184,002	732	187,353
500- < 3.000	341	431,044	324	406,783	336	416,516
3.000 -< 7.000	70	316,967	72	323,306	73	325,714
7.000- < 10.000	26	219,993	23	195,134	22	187,629
10.000- < 20.000	43	661,337	40	600,382	45	669,432
20.000 -< 30.000	96	2,600,815	91	2,461,176	87	2,326,626
30.000 +	572	40,478,030	567	40,528,545	553	40,605,929

**Table 3. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by age groups :
March 2014, 2015, 2016**

Age groups	March					
	2014		2015		2016	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	1,894	44,896,725	1,841	45,699,328	1,848	44,719,199
< 5	146	8,308,171	118	7,206,817	139	7,604,316
5- < 10	306	14,242,806	310	14,908,680	272	13,478,380
10- < 15	289	13,106,085	275	12,887,732	283	13,057,593
15- < 20	154	4,376,667	159	4,565,507	182	5,832,561
20- < 25	111	1,335,013	113	1,695,101	95	1,301,919
25- < 30	131	697,817	127	638,844	125	587,620
30+	757	2,830,166	739	2,796,647	752	2,856,810

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Greek Merchant Fleet Survey	The Survey on the Greek Merchant Fleet is conducted on a monthly basis since 1964 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 March 2016.
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Age of ship: indicated by the year of original construction of the hull or that of the hull containing the engine room.</p>
Methodology	<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 a register, f) final measurement – remeasurement of ships, g) replacement of the ship's engine.</p> <p>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.</p>
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: < Industry, Trade, Services, Transport > Transport >Shipping > Greek Merchant Fleet of 100 GRT and over>>.