

User oriented quality report

Survey on traffic of passengers, goods and mobile units in Greek ports of the year 2013

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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 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 are reported on a quarter basis.

Coverage

The survey applies to all merchant vessels of net tonnage 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 «Reference Manual on Maritime Transport Statistics, Version November 2012».

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*