

## User oriented quality report

### Survey on road freight transport : 2012

The survey on road freight transport is a quarterly survey conducted in all EU Member States since 1999, by virtue of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98. The purpose of the survey is to monitor the carriage of goods by road by means of goods road transport vehicles, which are registered in each Member State, as well as the journeys made by such vehicles. The survey does not cover: a) goods road transport vehicles whose authorised weight or dimensions exceed the limits normally permitted in the Member States concerned and b) agricultural vehicles, military vehicles and vehicles belonging to central or local public administrations, with the exception of goods road transport vehicles belonging to public undertakings, and in particular railway undertakings. Each Member State may exclude from the scope of this Regulation goods road transport vehicles whose load capacity or maximum permissible weight is lower than a certain limit (3,5 tonnes of load capacity for Greece).

The survey is governed by Regulation (EU) No 70/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road. This Regulation is a recast edition of the Regulation (EC) 1172/98, which has been substantially amended several times.

Data are collected on a quarterly basis and the latest available data refer to 2012.

The survey is conducted on a quarterly basis. The sample is equally distributed into the thirteen weeks of a quarter. Every vehicle is surveyed during a specific week of the year, from Monday to Sunday. The sample is selected on the basis of various criteria: the vehicle performing national or international road freight transport; the vehicle being for private or for public use; class of load capacity; type of chassis; registered office of the vehicle, etc. International road freight transport vehicles represent approximately 15% of the sample. The questionnaires are processed and the data are produced in line with rules and guidelines laid down in the relevant Manual of Eurostat.

**Registered vehicle:** the state of having been entered in a register of road transport vehicles, kept by an official body in a Member State, whether or not the registration is accompanied by the issue of a registration plate. In the case of carriage by means of a combination of road transport vehicles, the complete vehicle shall be deemed to be registered in the country where the goods road transport vehicle is registered.

**International Transport:** a) a laden journey undertaken by a vehicle the point of departure and the point of arrival of which are in two different Member States, b) a laden journey undertaken by a vehicle from a Member State to a third country or vice versa, c) a laden journey undertaken by a vehicle between third countries, d) an unladen journey in conjunction with the carriage referred to in points a), b) and c). International carriage shall be carried out subject to possession of a Community license.

**National transport:** transport by a loaded vehicle where the point of departure and the point of arrival are located in the same country (Greece).

**Load capacity:** maximum weight of goods declared permissible by the competent authority of the country of registration of the vehicle. When the goods road transport vehicle is a road train made up of a lorry with trailer, the load capacity of the road train is the sum of the load capacities of the lorry and the trailer.

**Place of loading:** the first place in which goods are loaded on the goods road transport vehicle, which was previously completely empty.

**Place of unloading:** the last place in which goods are unloaded from the goods road transport vehicle, which is subsequently completely empty.

**Distance traveled:** actual distance excluding the distance covered by the goods road transport vehicle while being transported by another means of transport.

**Types of journey:** 1) laden journey involving one single basic transport operation 2) laden journey involving several transport operations, but not considered as a collection or distribution round, 3) laden journey of the collection or distribution round type, 4) unladen journeys

Any differences between the totals across tables are on account of rounding up.

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