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TRAFFIC OF PASSENGERS, GOODS AND MOBILE UNITS IN GREEK PORTS:

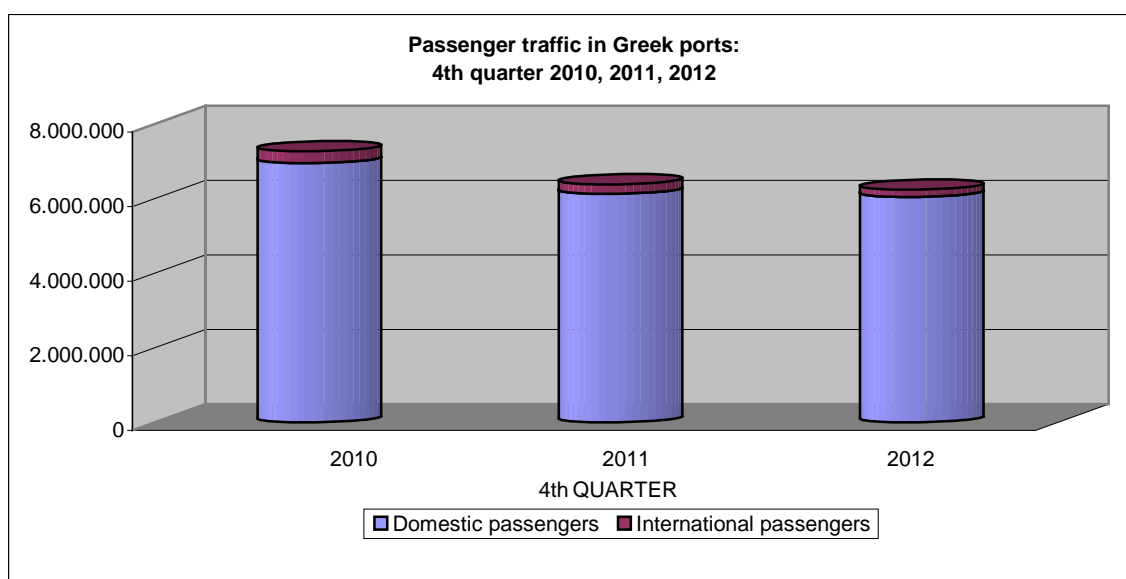
4TH QUARTER 2012

(Provisional data)

In the 4th quarter 2012 the total passenger traffic in Greek ports recorded a decline of 2,2% compared with the 4th quarter 2011. The corresponding quarter of 2011 compared with 2010 the total passenger traffic decreased by 12,2% (table 1).

In the 4th quarter 2012 the total movements of goods in Greek ports rose 15,1% in comparison with the 4th quarter 2011. In contrast, the corresponding quarter of 2011 compared with 2010 the total movements of goods increased by 5,3% (table 2).

The corresponding changes in the traffic of mobile units are illustrated in table 3.



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**Table 1. Domestic and international passenger traffic in Greek ports:
4th quarter 2010, 2011, 2012**

	4 th Quarter				
	2010	2011	2012	Change % 2011/2010	Change % 2012/2011
Domestic passengers (Disembarked or embarked)	6.956.566	6.132.434	6.050.138	-11,8	-1,3
International passengers	316.307	251.568	192.412	-20,5	-23,5
Disembarked	152.307	121.278	92.731	-20,4	-23,5
Embarked	164.000	130.290	99.681	-20,6	-23,5
Total	7.272.873	6.384.002	6.242.550	-12,2	-2,2

**Table 2. Domestic and international movements of goods in Greek ports:
4th quarter 2010, 2011, 2012**

In tonnes	4 th Quarter				
	2010	2011	2012	Change % 2011/2010	Change % 2012/2011
Domestic goods (unloaded or loaded)	6.525.200	7.159.886	6.770.998	9,7	-5,4
International goods	19.145.943	19.869.510	24.344.354	3,8	22,5
Unloaded	12.712.123	12.317.316	13.985.669	-3,1	13,5
Loaded	6.433.820	7.552.194	10.358.685	17,4	37,2
Total	25.671.143	27.029.396	31.115.352	5,3	15,1

**Table 3. Domestic and international traffic of mobile units in Greek ports:
4th quarter 2010, 2011, 2012**

	4 th Quarter				
	2010	2011	2012	Change % 2011/2010	Change % 2012/2011
Domestic mobile units (unloaded or loaded)	2.091.495	1.828.193	1.761.466	-12,6	-3,6
International mobile units	176.503	138.589	107.079	-21,5	-22,7
Unloaded	91.024	71.191	54.909	-21,8	-22,9
Loaded	85.479	67.398	52.170	-21,2	-22,6
Total	2.267.998	1.966.782	1.868.545	-13,3	-5,0

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Survey on the traffic of passengers, goods and mobile units in Greek ports.	<p>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 monthly, 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Legal framework	<p>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.</p>
Reference period	<p>The data of the survey refer to the 4th quarter 2012.</p>
Coverage	<p>The survey applies to all merchant vessels of 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.</p>
Methodology	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>ELSTAT, after having received all the above mentioned data, proceeds to data controls, codification, processing and tabulation of the data.</p> <p>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 <i>Methodology of maritime statistics, Version 1, February 2002</i>.</p>
References	<p>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: <i>Statistical Themes >Transport> Maritime Transport> Passengers and goods transport</i></p>