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

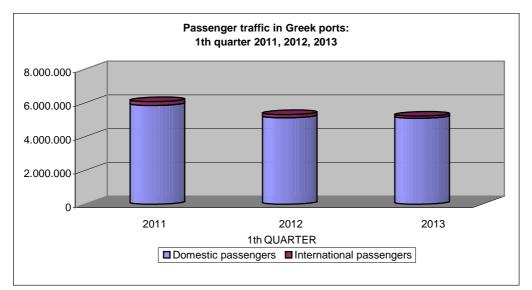
1<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2013

(Provisional data)

In the 1th quarter 2013 the total passenger traffic in Greek ports recorded a decline of 1,6% compared with the 1th quarter 2012. The corresponding quarter of 2012 compared with 2011 the total passenger traffic decreased by 12,6% (table 1).

In the 1th quarter 2013 the total movements of goods in Greek ports rose 2,7% in comparison with the 1th quarter 2012. In contrast, the corresponding quarter of 2012 compared with 2011 the total movements of goods increased by 19,6% (table 2).

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



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	1 <sup>th</sup> Quarter						
	2011	2012	2013	Change % 2012/2011 2013/2012			
Domestic passengers (Disembarked or embarked)	5.850.585	5.123.498	5.092.849	-12,4	-0,6		
International passengers	228.895	188.069	131.514	-17,8	-30,1		
Disembarked	113.026	94.656	69.699	-16,3	-26,4		
Embarked	115.869	93.413	61.815	-19,4	-33,8		
Total	6.079.480	5.311.567	5.224.363	-12,6	-1,6		

## Table 1. Domestic and international passenger traffic in Greek ports: $1^{th}\, quarter\, 2011,\, 2012,\, 2013$

Table 2. Domestic and international movements of goods in Greek ports:1<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011, 2012, 2013

In tonnes	1 <sup>th</sup> Quarter					
	2011	2012	2013	Change % 2012/2011 2013/2012		
Domestic goods (unloaded or loaded)	6.747.492	6.666.839	6.574.333	-1,2	-1,4	
International goods	17.712.466	22.579.536	23.463.800	27,5	3,9	
Unloaded	12.006.129	14.108.958	13.829.675	17,5	-2,0	
Loaded	5.706.337	8.470.578	9.634.125	48,4	13,7	
Total	24.459.958	29.246.375	30.038.133	19,6	2,7	

## Table 3. Domestic and international traffic of mobile units in Greek ports: $1^{th}$ quarter 2011, 2012, 2013

	1 <sup>th</sup> Quarter						
_	2011	2012	2013	Change % 2012/2011 2013/2012			
Domestic mobile units	1.771.367	1.563.171	1.534.416	-11,8	-1,8		
(unloaded or loaded)							
International mobile units	131.289	108.237	84.921	-17,6	- 21,5		
Unloaded	68.439	56.983	47.027	-16,7	-17,5		
Loaded	62.850	51.254	37.894	-18,5	-26,1		
Total	1.902.656	1.671.408	1.619.337	-12,2	-3,1		

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Survey on the traffic of passengers, goods and mobile units in Greek ports has being 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.
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 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** The data of the survey refer to the 1<sup>rh</sup> quarter 2013.

period

- **Coverage** 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.
- **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 filed 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 *Methodology of maritime statistics*, *Version 1, February 2002.* 

**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 (<u>www.statistics.gr</u>) under the link: *Statistical Themes >Transport> Maritime Transport> Passengers and goods transport*