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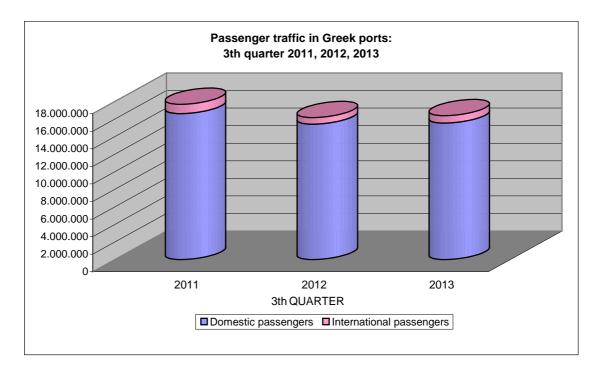
TRAFFIC OF PASSENGERS, GOODS AND MOBILE UNITS IN GREEK PORTS: 3^{TH} QUARTER 2013

(Provisional data)

In the 3th quarter 2013 the total passenger traffic in Greek ports recorded increased of 1,3% compared with the 3th quarter 2012. The corresponding quarter of 2012 compared with 2011 the total passenger traffic decreased by 8,5% (table 1).

In the 3th quarter 2013 the total movements of goods in Greek ports rose 9,3% in comparison with the 3th quarter 2012. In contrast, the corresponding quarter of 2012 compared with 2011 the total movements of goods increased by 7,2% (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: $\mathbf{3}^{\text{th}}$ quarter 2011, 2012, 2013

-	3 th Quarter						
	2011	2012	2013	Char 2012/2011	nge % 2013/2012		
Domestic passengers (Disembarked or embarked)	16.615.174	15.415.770	15.530.986	-7,2	0,7		
International passengers	1.058.163	749.142	844.902	-29,2	12,8		
Disembarked	526.386	372.817	418.801	-29,2	12,3		
Embarked	531.777	376.325	426.101	-29,2	13,2		
Total	17.673.337	16.164.912	16.375.888	-8,5	1,3		

Table 2. Domestic and international movements of goods in Greek ports: $\mathbf{3}^{\text{th}}$ quarter 2011, 2012, 2013

In tonnes	3 th Quarter					
	2011	2012	2013	Change % 2012/2011 2013/2012		
Domestic goods (unloaded or loaded)	8.718.975	8.349.633	8.821.180	-4,2	5,6	
International goods	20.080.477	22.520.249	24.905.942	12,1	10,6	
Unloaded	12.739.900	13.303.047	14.142.529	4,4	6,3	
Loaded	7.340.577	9.217.202	10.763.413	25,6	16,8	
Total	28.799.452	30.869.882	33.727.122	7,2	9,3	

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

	3 th Quarter						
_	2011	2012	2013	Change % 2012/2011 2013/2012			
Domestic mobile units	4.325.631	3.842.087	3.737.733	-11,2	-2,7		
(unloaded or loaded)							
International mobile units	352.652	254.179	275.854	-27,9	8,5		
Unloaded	176.962	128.477	138.913	-27,4	8,1		
Loaded	175.690	125.702	136.941	-28,5	8,9		
Total	4.678.283	4.096.266	4.013.587	-12,4	-2,0		

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

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

The survey on traffic of passengers, goods and mobile units in Greek ports has being 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 refer to the 3th quarter 2013.

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 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 «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