



PRESS RELEASE

SURVEY ON ROAD FREIGHT TRANSPORT: 2012

In the context of ELSTAT's policy to provide users with an increasingly larger part of the results deriving from its statistical works and, more generally, with more detailed information covering many statistical areas, the Hellenic Statistical Authority, through this new Press Release, is launching the annual publication, of the data from the survey on road freight transport, with 2012 as first reference year, presenting at the same time comparative data for 2011.

The survey on road freight transport is being 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.

According to the survey results, in 2012 compared to 2011, a decrease is observed in the goods, which were carried by road transport vehicles registered in Greece. More specifically, in 2012, the weight of goods carried by national road transport¹ vehicles, for private use, amounted to 286.526,50 thousand tonnes, corresponding to 6.170.113,77 thousand tonne-kilometres, thus recording a decrease of 30,43% and 11,79% respectively, compared with 2011. The weight of goods carried by national road transport vehicles, for public use, amounted to 107.272,45 thousand tonnes, corresponding to 9.876.209,98 thousand tonne-kilometres, thus recording an increase of 19,76% and 2,61% respectively, compared with 2011. The weight of goods carried by international road transport² vehicles amounted to 6.324,89 thousand tonnes, corresponding to 4.370.038,71 thousand tonne-kilometres, thus recording an increase of 61,81% and 14,80% respectively, compared with 2011 (Table 1, Graph 1).

With regard to the type of cargo (classification of cargo carried, on means of transport, based on its general appearance), a decrease is observed by 26,49% for "solid bulk goods" and by 2,11% for "palletized goods" in 2012 compared with 2011, while a 30,79% increase is recorded for "liquid bulk goods" over the same period. Furthermore, a significant increase of 31,66% is observed for "freight containers" (Table 2, Graph 2).

Tables 3 and 4 illustrate, at the level of the Region (NUTS 2), loading and unloading data by national and international road transport vehicles. In terms of weight of loaded and unloaded goods, for national transport, it is observed that the vast majority of loading and unloading is observed in Dytiki Makedonia and then follow, in descending order, Attiki and Kentriki Makedonia. In terms of weight of goods carried by international road transport vehicles, Kentriki Makedonia accounts for the largest share of loading followed by Attiki, while Attiki and Kentriki Makedonia account for the largest share of uploading.

¹ National transport: transport where the point of departure and the point of arrival are located within Greece.

² International transport: the transport by a loaded or unloaded vehicle where the point of departure and the point of arrival are located in different EU Member States, or a transport from an EU Member State to a non-EU Member State, or between non-EU Member States.

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TABLE 1.

Number of national and international road freight vehicles, registered in Greece, by type of vehicle and freight transported in tonnes and tonne-kilometres ⁽¹⁾, 2012

Type of road freight transport vehicles	Number of vehicles			Weight of transported goods (k-tonnes)			Tonne-Kilometers (k-tkm)		
	2012	2011	Change %	2012	2011	Change %	2012	2011	Change %
National road freight transport vehicles, for private use	60.584	67.482	-10,22	286.526,50	411.846,68	-30,43	6.170.113,77	6.994.548,34	-11,79
National road freight transport vehicles, for public use	19.496	18.182	7,23	107.272,45	89.573,32	19,76	9.876.209,98	9.624.624,57	2,61
International road freight transport vehicles, for public use	1.861	1.579	17,86	6.324,89	3.908,76	61,81	4.370.038,71	3.806.643,52	14,80
Total of vehicles	81.941	87.243	-6,08	400.123,83	505.328,75	-20,82	20.416.362,46	20.425.816,43	-0,05

⁽¹⁾ Tonne-kilometres (tkm) = weight of transported goods x distance traveled

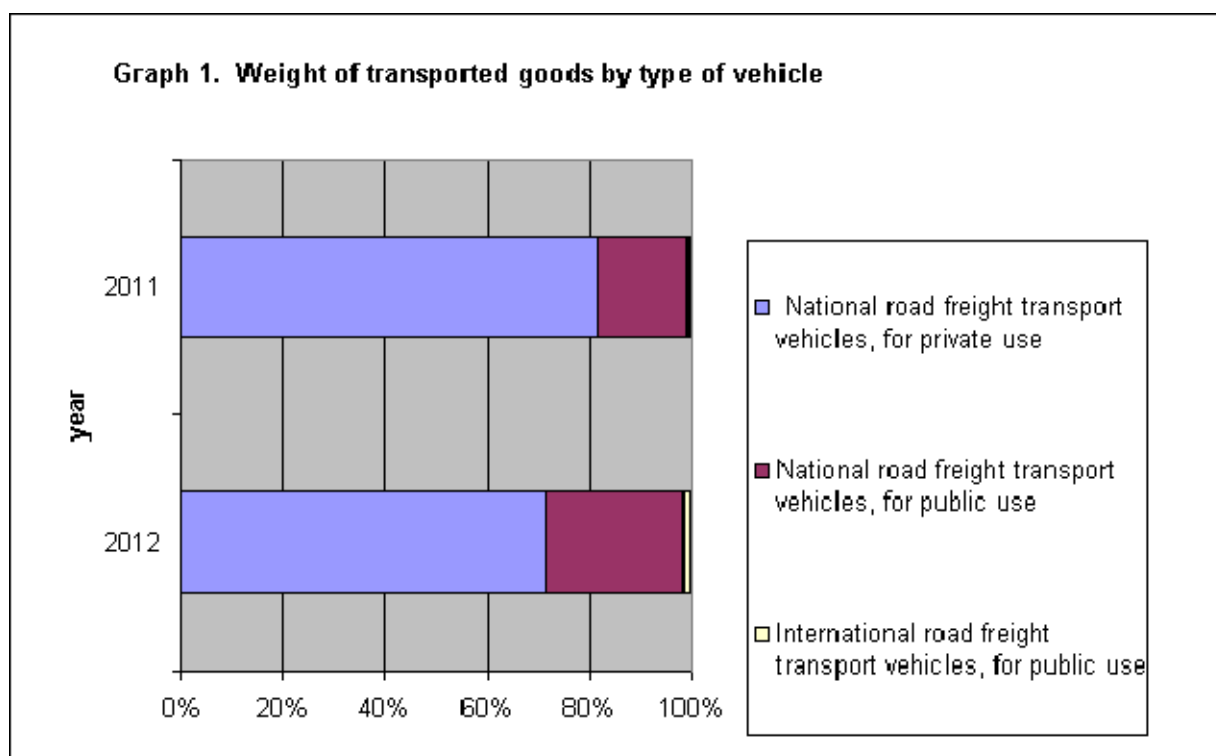


TABLE 2. Transport of goods by road freight transport vehicles and weight of goods in tonnes and tonne-kilometres ⁽¹⁾, by type of cargo, 2012

Type of cargo	Weight of transported goods (k-tonnes)			Tonne-Kilometers (k-tkm)		
	2012	2011	Change %	2012	2011	Change %
<i>1 – Transport of goods loaded in Greece</i>	395.518,39	502.942,36	-21,36	18.321.682,96	18.604.430,37	-1,52
Solid bulk goods (no cargo unit)	323.428,96	439.974,89	-26,49	8.863.389,77	10.064.041,67	-11,93
Palletised goods	29.152,79	29.782,19	-2,11	5.945.879,81	5.537.369,98	7,38
Liquid bulk goods (no cargo unit)	31.881,69	24.377,01	30,79	2.556.024,84	2.076.197,64	23,11
Freight containers	3.400,86	2.583,07	31,66	343.130,66	218.407,28	57,11
Mobile, self-propelled units	1.938,83	1.940,79	-0,10	207.319,86	198.162,46	4,62
Any other type of cargo	5.715,27	4.284,40	33,40	405.938,03	510.251,34	-20,44
<i>2 - Transport of goods loaded abroad (all types of cargo)</i>	4.605,53	2.386,42	92,99	2.094.676,70	1.821.383,62	15,00
TOTAL	400.123,92	505.328,78	-20,82	20.416.359,66	20.425.813,99	-0,05

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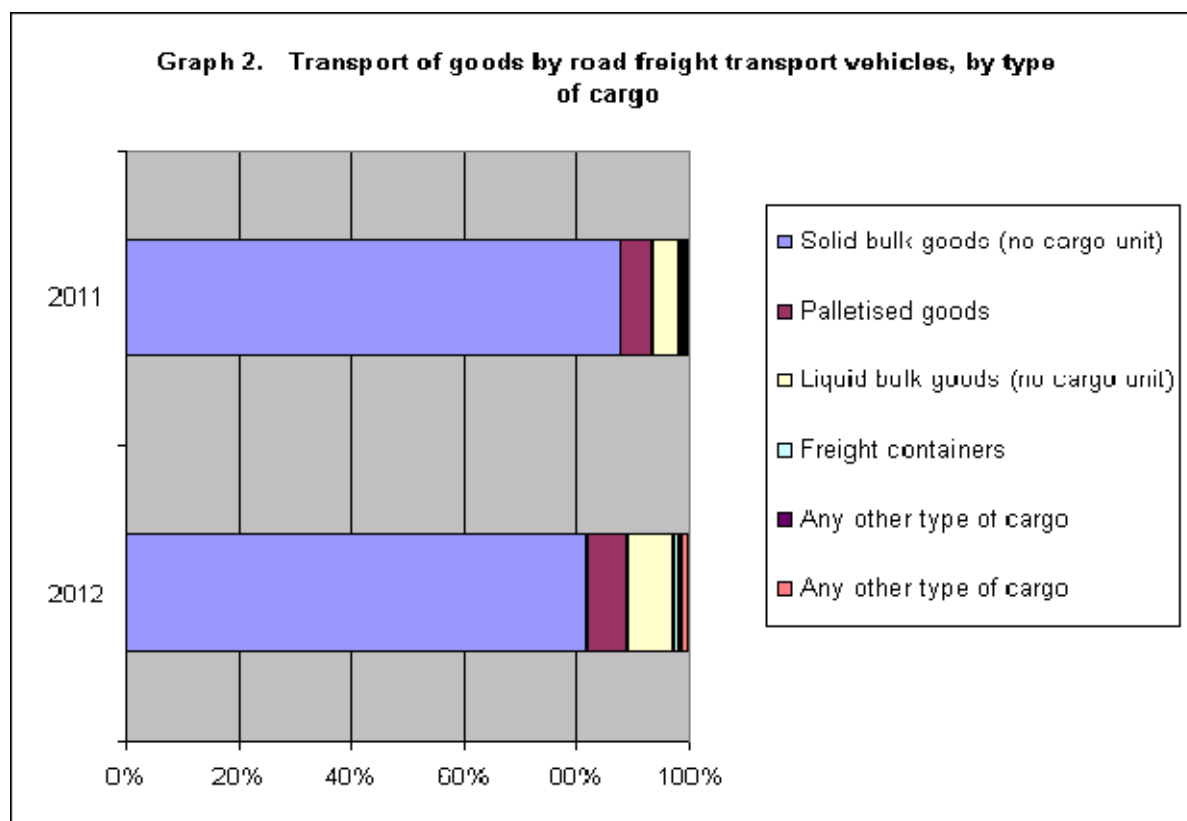


TABLE 3. Goods loaded on road freight transport vehicles (national and international transport) by place of loading, weight of freight and tonne-kilometres ⁽¹⁾, 2012

Place of loading		Weight of freight and tonne-kilometres – National and international transport		Weight of freight and tonne-kilometres – National transport		Weight of freight and tonne-kilometres – International transport	
Great Geographic Area (NUTS 1)	Region (NUTS 2)			Private and Public Lorries		Public Lorries	
		k-tn	k-tkm	k-tn	k-tkm	k-tn	k-tkm
VOREIA ELLADA	ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	12.946,02	938.357,94	12.897,85	882.417,74	48,17	55.940,20
	KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	41.892,71	4.463.548,23	41.159,41	3.349.543,76	733,30	1.114.004,48
	DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	154.117,48	1.162.635,03	154.113,83	1.154.979,90	3,65	7.655,13
	IPEIROS	9.865,12	821.374,11	9.856,65	805.361,08	8,48	16.013,04
KENTRIKI ELLADA	THESSALIA	24.758,38	1.630.110,56	24.592,60	1.393.207,40	165,79	236.903,16
	IONIA NISIA	802,38	52.403,21	802,38	52.403,21	-	-
	DYTIKI ELLADA	17.323,22	1.354.650,65	17.177,06	1.234.659,50	146,16	119.991,14
	STEREA ELLADA	35.419,83	1.459.897,09	35.239,82	1.230.955,80	180,01	228.941,28
	PELOPONNISOS	21.201,29	1.439.684,22	21.062,92	1.347.981,28	138,37	91.702,94
ATTIKI	ATTIKI	50.757,19	4.140.588,66	50.506,48	3.785.878,41	250,71	354.710,25
NISIA AIGAIΟΥ, KRITI	VOREIO AIGAIO	1.553,89	42.214,59	1.553,89	42.214,59	-	-
	NOTIO AIGAIO	5.477,03	72.312,34	5.477,03	72.312,34	-	-
	KRITI	19.403,77	743.906,18	19.359,04	694.405,87	44,73	49.500,31
GREECE, TOTAL		395.518,30	18.321.682,81	393.798,95	16.046.320,89	1.719,35	2.275.361,92

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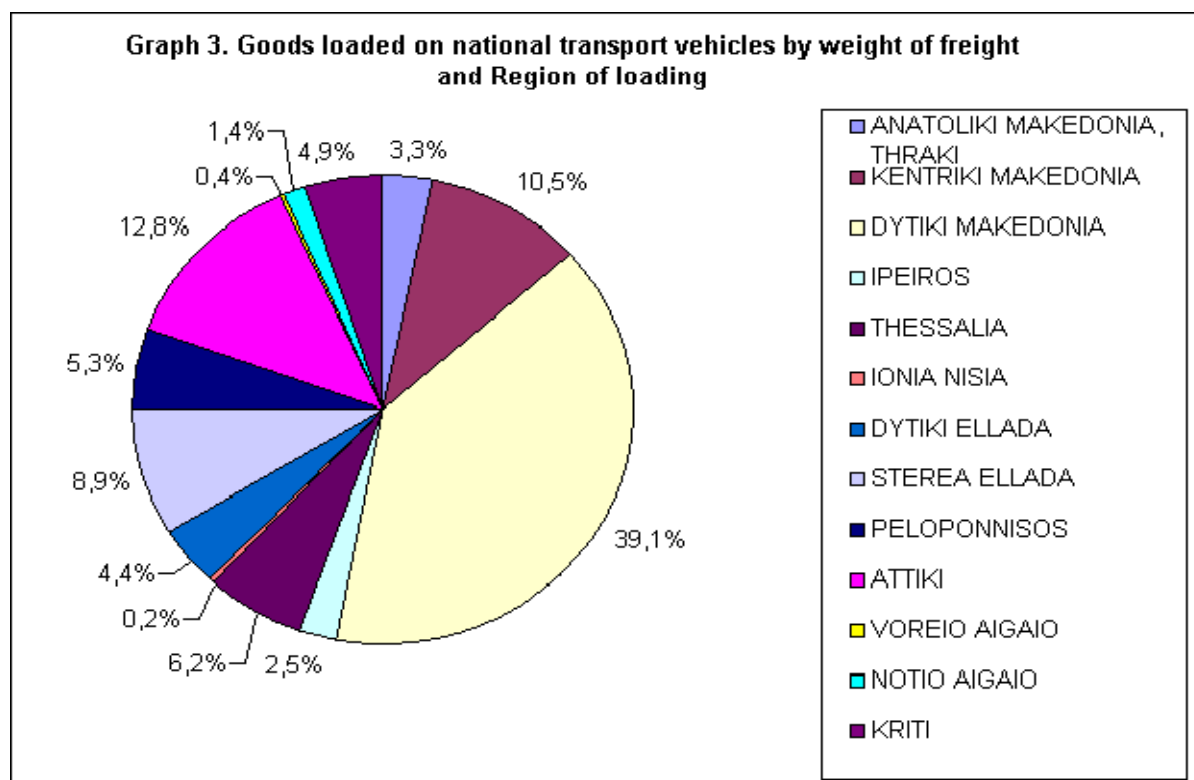
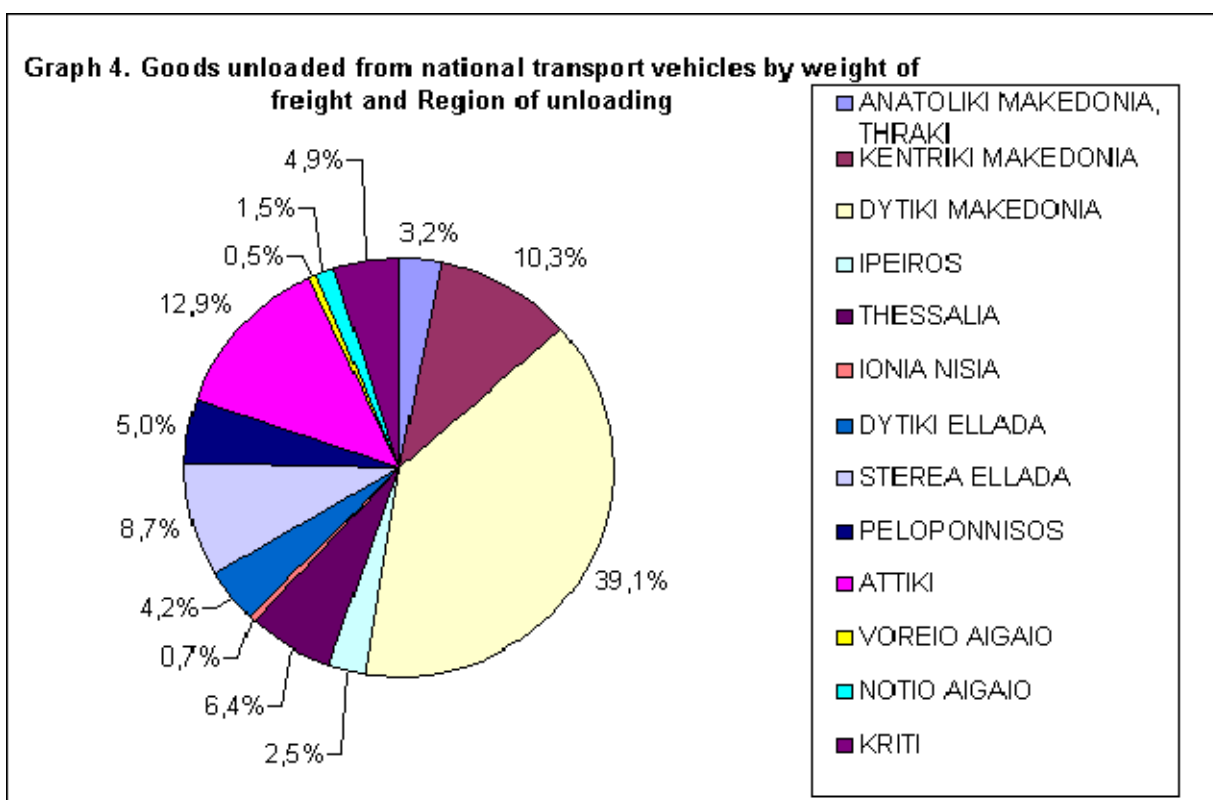


TABLE 4. Goods unloaded from road freight transport vehicles (national and international transport) by place of loading, weight of freight and tonne-kilometres ⁽¹⁾, 2012

Place of unloading		Weight of freight and tonne-kilometres - National and international transport		Weight of freight and tonne-kilometres - National transport		Weight of freight and tonne-kilometres - International transport	
Great Geographic Area (NUTS 1)	Region (NUTS 2)	k-tn	k-tkm	Private & Public Lorries		Public Lorries	
				k-tn	k-tkm	k-tn	k-tkm
VOREIA ELLADA	ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	12.686,32	798.833,83	12.668,51	774.975,60	17,81	23.858,22
	KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	40.943,13	4.227.545,19	40.406,06	3.419.502,89	537,07	808.042,30
	DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	154.166,92	1.117.803,86	154.166,92	1.117.803,86	-	-
	IPEIROS	9.986,72	831.254,89	9.980,24	824.609,03	6,48	6.645,86
KENTRIKI ELLADA	THESSALIA	25.200,64	1.546.766,10	25.110,00	1.402.526,79	90,64	144.239,32
	IONIA NISIA	2.793,95	427.087,60	2.793,95	427.087,60	-	-
	DYTIKI ELLADA	16.683,37	1.270.748,65	16.587,90	1.197.882,61	95,47	72.866,04
	STEREA ELLADA	34.530,63	1.321.341,84	34.456,35	1.238.578,02	74,28	82.763,82
	PELOPONNISOS	19.869,11	1.000.092,81	19.846,16	976.187,78	22,94	23.905,02
ATTIKI	ATTIKI	51.283,24	4.651.156,22	50.675,95	3.787.230,36	607,29	863.925,87
NISIA AIGAIΟΥ, KRITI	VOREIO AIGAIΟ	1.915,90	97.434,53	1.907,16	83.781,98	8,74	13.652,55
	NOTIO AIGAIΟ	5.942,93	85.946,74	5.942,93	85.946,74	-	-
	KRITI	19.293,73	763.603,36	19.256,84	710.207,73	36,89	53.395,63
GREECE, TOTAL		395.296,57	18.139.615,62	393.798,95	16.046.320,99	1.497,63	2.093.294,63

⁽¹⁾ Tonne-kilometres (tkm) = weight of transported goods x distance traveled



EXPLANATORY NOTES

SURVEY ON ROAD FREIGHT TRANSPORT	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).
LEGAL FRAMEWORK	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.
REFERENCE PERIOD	Data refer to the year 2012.
SURVEY METHODOLOGY	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.
DEFINITIONS	<p><u>Registered vehicle</u>: 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.</p> <p><u>International Transport</u>: 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.</p> <p><u>National transport</u>: transport by a loaded vehicle where the point of departure and the point of arrival are located in the same country (Greece).</p> <p><u>Load capacity</u>: 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.</p> <p><u>Place of loading</u>: the first place in which goods are loaded on the goods road transport vehicle, which was previously completely empty.</p> <p><u>Place of unloading</u>: the last place in which goods are unloaded from the goods road transport vehicle, which is subsequently completely empty.</p> <p><u>Distance traveled</u>: actual distance excluding the distance covered by the goods road transport vehicle while being transported by another means of transport.</p> <p><u>Types of journey</u>: 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.</p>
REMARK	Any differences between the totals across tables are on account of rounding up.
REFERENCES	More information can be found on the portal of ELSTAT, www.statistics.gr , following the navigation path: <STATISTICAL THEMES > TRANSPORT> ROAD PASSENGER/FREIGHT TRANSPORT > FREIGHT TRANSPORT >.