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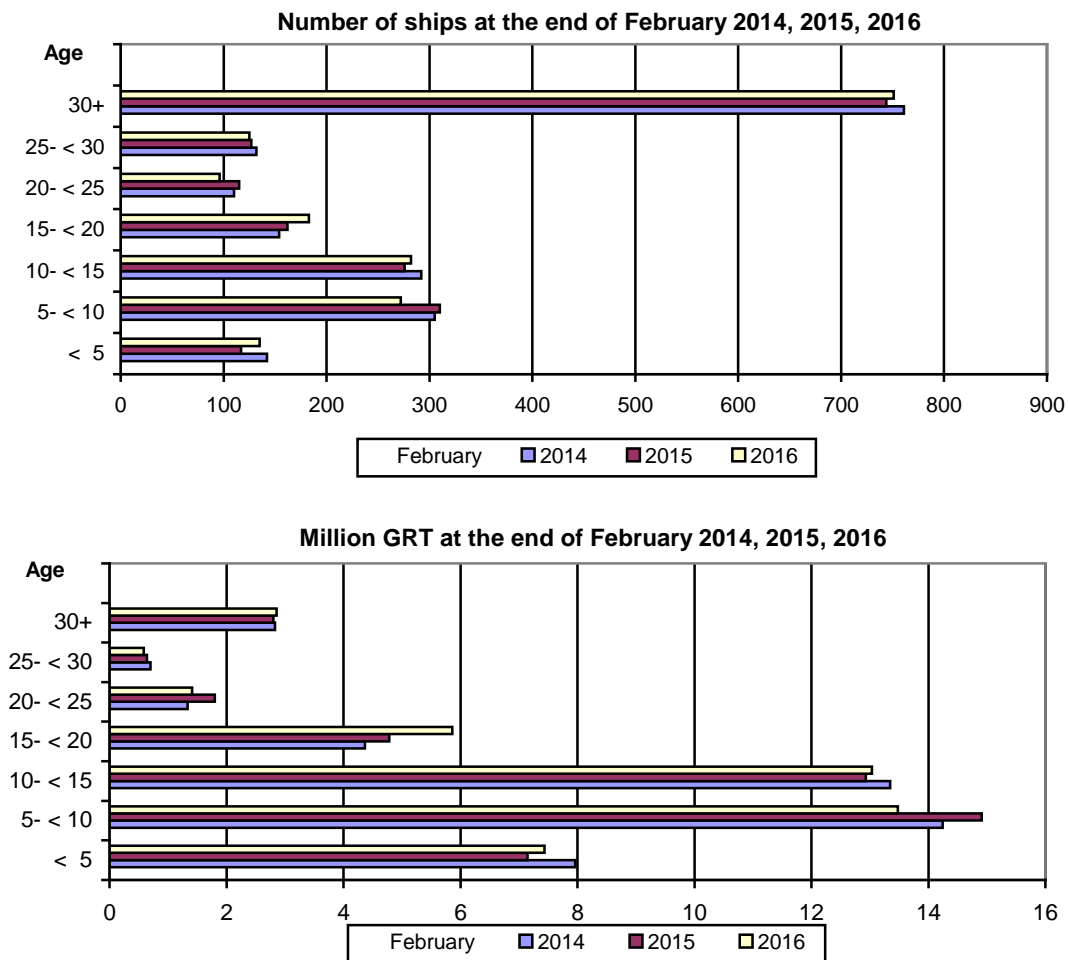
GREEK MERCHANT FLEET: FEBRUARY 2016

(Provisional data)

The Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, decreased by 0.4% in February 2016 compared to February 2015, while the above Greek Merchant Fleet recorded a decline of 2.4% in February 2015 compared to February 2014 (Table 1).

The gross tonnage of the Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, decreased by 0.7% in February 2016 compared to February 2015, while the above gross tonnage recorded an increase of 0.5% in February 2015 compared to February 2014 (Table 1).

Chart 1. Distribution of the Greek merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by age groups.



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Table 1. Greek Merchant Fleet of 100 GRT and over: February 2014, 2015, 2016

February										
	2014		2015		2016		Change%			
							2015/2014		2016/2015	
Type of ships	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	1,896	44,786,400	1,851	45,003,681	1,844	44,669,433	-2.4	0.5	-0.4	-0.7
Cargo	508	15,912,020	500	16,266,135	473	15,458,267	-1.6	2.2	-5.4	-5.0
Tankers	533	27,425,739	524	27,309,716	521	27,777,881	-1.7	-0.4	-0.6	1.7
Passenger ships	619	1,379,079	600	1,362,681	613	1,363,379	-3.1	-1.2	2.2	0.1
Other	236	69,562	227	65,149	237	69,906	-3.8	-6.3	4.4	7.3

**Table 2. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over by tonnage groups:
February 2014, 2015, 2016.**

Tonnage groups	February					
	2014		2015		2016	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	1,896	44,786,400	1,851	45,003,681	1,844	44,669,433
100 -< 500	750	189,969	724	183,908	730	186,594
500- < 3.000	341	431,044	329	410,204	334	414,269
3.000 -< 7.000	70	316,967	72	323,306	72	321,551
7.000- < 10.000	25	210,969	23	195,134	23	195,134
10.000- < 20.000	43	661,337	40	600,382	45	673,635
20.000 -< 30.000	96	2,600,815	93	2,514,546	87	2,331,902
30.000 +	571	40,375,299	570	40,776,201	553	40,546,348

**Table 3. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by age groups :
February 2014, 2015, 2016**

Age groups	February					
	2014		2015		2016	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	1,896	44,786,400	1,851	45,003,681	1,844	44,669,433
< 5	142	7,964,053	117	7,145,158	135	7,437,544
5- < 10	305	14,242,681	310	14,908,680	272	13,478,380
10- < 15	292	13,347,472	276	12,927,515	282	13,034,323
15- < 20	154	4,367,966	162	4,781,850	183	5,861,107
20- < 25	110	1,334,823	115	1,802,395	96	1,411,498
25- < 30	132	697,946	127	638,844	125	587,620
30+	761	2,831,459	744	2,799,239	751	2,858,961

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Greek Merchant Fleet Survey	The Survey on the Greek Merchant Fleet is conducted on a monthly basis since 1964 without any major methodological changes ever since. The purpose of the survey is to fully record statistical data on the number and basic characteristics of the Greek merchant ships, thus depicting the evolution over the course of time of the Greek merchant fleet.
Legal Framework	The survey is conducted in compliance with the joint Ministerial Decision (No 6792/G-81/11-4-97) signed by the Minister of National Economy and the Minister of Mercantile Marine.
Reference Period	The results of the survey refer to the end of February 2016
Coverage	The survey covers all domestic Port Authorities, as well as Greek Consular Port Authorities abroad, which keep ship registers. These Authorities have to send a report on a monthly basis to the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) pertaining to the changes in the Greek merchant ships registered in their ship registers.
Definitions	<p>Merchant ship: Seagoing self-propelled vessel, at least of 10 GRT, designed for the carriage of goods, transport of passengers, for fishing, towing or specially fitted out for other commercial maritime activities.</p> <p>Greek merchant fleet: The total number of the merchant ships registered in Greece, which belong to natural or legal persons residing on the Greek territory. The Greek flag carried by these ships means that all their maritime activities (subsidies for ship building, cargo limitations and other tax provisions) are governed by commercial and economic rules which are laid down by the respective Greek authorities.</p> <p>Gross Register Tonnage (GRT): unit of measurement of the total volume in cubic feet of the spaces within the hull and of the enclosed spaces above the deck which are available for carrying goods, food, passengers and crew. It equals to the volume of 100 cubic feet or 2.83 m³.</p> <p>Net Register Tonnage (NRT): unit of measurement derived from the gross tonnage by deducting allowances in respect of spaces used for the crew, navigating and propelling machinery, fuel and water ballasts, and other spaces not used for passengers or cargo.</p> <p>Age of ship: indicated by the year of original construction of the hull or that of the hull containing the engine room.</p>
Methodology	<p>It is an exhaustive survey conducted by all domestic Port Authorities and Greek Consular Port Authorities abroad, which report to ELSTAT, on a monthly basis, on changes in the ships pertaining to: a) new registrations of ships in the ship registers, b) change in the name of a ship, c) change of ownership, d) transfers to or from a different port, e) deletion of a ship from a ship a register, f) final measurement – remeasurement of ships, g) replacement of the ship's engine.</p> <p>All these data, after being dully processed, are used to update, through a specially designed software application, the Official Register of Greek Merchant Ships. This Register is used for the production of monthly and annual statistical results.</p>
References	Further information (tables, charts) concerning the Survey on the Greek Merchant Fleet can be found on the webpage of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr), under the link: < Industry, Trade, Services, Transport > Transport >Shipping > Greek Merchant Fleet of 100 GRT and over>>.