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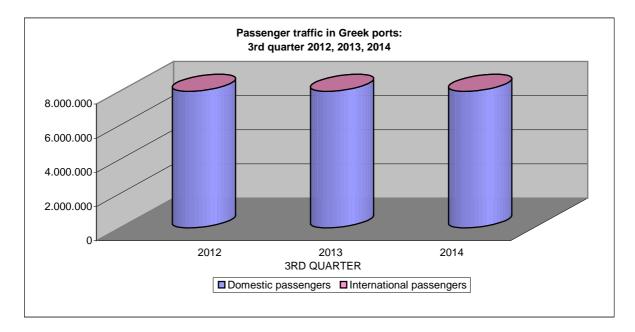
TRAFFIC OF PASSENGERS, GOODS AND MOBILE UNITS IN GREEK PORTS: $3^{\rm RD}$ QUARTER 2014

(Provisional data)

In the 3rd quarter 2014 the total passenger traffic in Greek ports recorded an increase of 3,9% compared with the 3rd quarter 2013. The corresponding quarter of 2013 compared with 2012 the total passenger traffic increased by 1,3% (table 1).

In the 3rd quarter 2014 the total movements of goods in Greek ports rose 8,4% in comparison with the 3rd quarter 2013. In contrast, the corresponding quarter of 2013 compared with 2012 the total movements of goods increased by 9,3% (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: 3^{rd} quarter 2012, 2013, 2014

	3 rd Quarter					
	2012	2013	2014		inge % 2014/2013	
Domestic passengers (Disembarked or embarked)	15.415.770	15.530.986	16.243.535	0,7	4,6	
International passengers	749.142	844.902	772.198	12,8	-8,6	
Disembarked	372.817	418.801	395.197	12,3	-5,6	
Embarked	376.325	426.101	377.001	13,2	-11,5	
Total	16.164.912	16.375.888	17.015.733	1,3	3,9	

Table 2. Domestic and international movements of goods in Greek ports: 3^{rd} quarter 2012, 2013, 2014

In tones	2012	2013	2014	Chan 2013/2012	ge % 2014/2013
Domestic goods (Unloaded or loaded)	8.349.633	8.821.180	9.301.470	5,6	5,4
International goods	22.520.249	24.905.942	27.269.847	10,6	9,5
Unloaded	13.303.047	14.142.529	15.883.573	6,3	12,3
Loaded	9.217.202	10.763.413	11.386.274	16,8	5,8
Total	30.869.882	33.727.122	36.571.317	9,3	8,4

Table 3. Domestic and international traffic of mobile units in Greek ports: $\mathbf{3}^{\text{rd}}$ quarter 2012, 2013, 2014

	3 rd Quarter						
	2012	2013	2014	Change % 2013/2012 2014/2013			
Domestic mobile units (Unloaded or loaded) International mobile	3.842.087	3.737.733	3.852.944	-2,7	3,1		
units	254.179	275.854	304.407	8,5	10,4		
Unloaded	128.477	138.913	154.416	8, 1	11,2		
Loaded	125.702	136.941	149.991	8,9	9,5		
Total	4.096.266	4.013.587	4.157.351	-2,0	3,6		

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 3rd quarter 2014.

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

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