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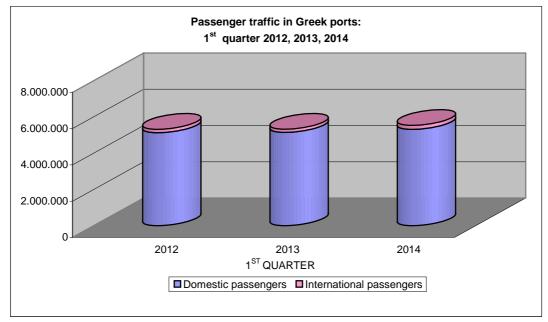
TRAFFIC OF PASSENGERS, GOODS AND MOBILE UNITS IN GREEK PORTS: 1ST QUARTER 2014

(Provisional data)

In the 1st quarter 2014 the total passenger traffic in Greek ports recorded increased of 3,9% compared with the 1st quarter 2013. The corresponding quarter of 2013 compared with 2012 the total passenger traffic increased by 0,1% (table 1).

In the 1st quarter 2014 the total movements of goods in Greek ports rose 3,4% compared with 1st quarter 2013 and it recorded the same percentage growth of 3,4%, during the period 1st quarter 2013 to 1st quarter 2013 (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: $\mathbf{1}^{\mathrm{st}}$ quarter 2012, 2013, 2014

	1 st Quarter					
	2012	2013	2014	Change % 2013/2012 2014/2013		
Domestic passengers	5.123.498	5.139.606	5.305.715	0,3	3,2	
(Disembarked or embarked)						
International passengers	188.069	176.679	220.120	-6,1	24,6	
Disembarked	94.656	92.031	111.068	-2,8	20,7	
Embarked	93.413	84.648	109.052	- 9,4	28,8	
Total	5.311.567	5.316.285	5.525.835	0,1	3,9	

Table 2. Domestic and international movements of goods in Greek ports: $\mathbf{1}^{\rm st}$ quarter 2012, 2013, 2014

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Domestic goods (Unloaded or loaded)	6.666.839	6.592.491	6.671.306	-1,1	1,2	
International goods	22.579.536	23.640.894	24.591.311	4,7	4,0	
Unloaded	14.108.958	13.912.183	13.602.155	-1,4	-2,2	
Loaded	8.470.578	9.728.711	10.989.156	14,9	13,0	
Total	29.246.375	30.233.385	31.262.617	3,4	3,4	

Table 3. Domestic and international traffic of mobile units in Greek ports: $1^{\rm st}$ quarter 2012, 2013, 2014

		1 st Quarter			
	2012	2013 1.566.880	2014 1.563.637	Change % 2013/2012 2014/2013	
Domestic mobile units (Unloaded or loaded)	1.563.171			0,2	-0,2
International mobile units	108.237	110.004	117.856	1,6	7,1
Unloaded	56.983	59.956	62.063	5,2	3,5
Loaded	51.254	50.048	55.793	-2,4	11,5
Total	1.671.408	1.676.884	1.681.493	0,3	0,3

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 1st quarter 2014.

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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».

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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