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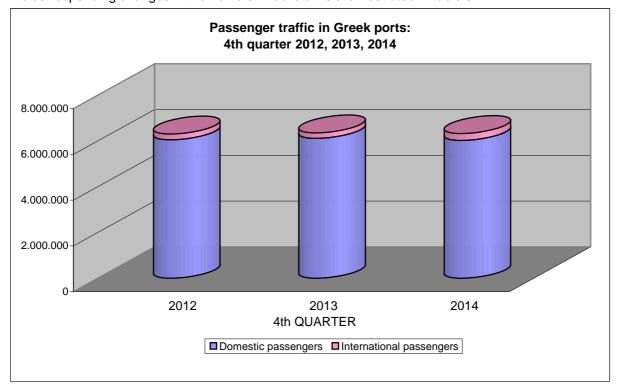
TRAFFIC OF PASSENGERS, GOODS AND MOBILE UNITS IN GREEK PORTS: 4TH QUARTER 2014

(Provisional data)

In the 4th quarter 2014 the total passenger traffic in Greek ports recorded a decrease of 0,5% compared with the 4th quarter 2013. The corresponding quarter of 2013 compared with 2012 the total passenger traffic increased by 0,8% (table 1).

In the 4th quarter 2014 the total movements of goods in Greek ports rose 6,5% in comparison with the 4th quarter 2013, the same growth rate observed in the corresponding comparison of the year 2013 to 2012 (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: 4^{th} quarter 2012, 2013, 2014

	4 th Quarter							
	2012	2013	2014	Change % 2013/2012 2014/2013				
Domestic passengers (Disembarked or embarked)	6.050.138	6.114.935	6.023.531	1,1	-1,5			
International passengers	249. 156	236.067	297.000	-5,3	25,8			
Disembarked	123.351	115.387	145.379	-6,5	26,0			
Embarked	125.805	120.680	151.621	-4,1	25,6			
Total	6.299.294	6.351.002	6.320.531	0,8	-0,5			

Table 2. Domestic and international movements of goods in Greek ports: $\mathbf{4}^{\text{th}}$ quarter 2012, 2013, 2014

4 quarter 2012, 2014									
In tones	2012	2013	2014	Change % 2013/2012 2014/2013					
Domestic goods (Unloaded or loaded)	6.770.998	7.572.932	7.725.348	11,8	2,0				
International goods	24.515.320	25.756.673	27.770.252	5,1	7,8				
Unloaded	14.077.387	14.428.090	15.957.405	2,5	10,6				
Loaded	10.437.933	11.328.583	11.812.847	8,5	4,3				
Total	31.286.318	33.329.605	35.495.600	6,5	6,5				

Table 3. Domestic and international traffic of mobile units in Greek ports: 4th quarter 2012, 2013, 2014

4 th Quarter								
Domestic mobile units (Unloaded or loaded)	1.761.466	1.763.508	1.726.339	0,1	-2,1			
International mobile units	137.569	128.790	180.327	-6,4	40,0			
Unloaded	71.547	65.752	90.661	-8,1	37,9			
Loaded	66.022	63.038	89.666	-4,5	42,2			
Total	1.899.035	1.892.298	1.906.666	-0,4	0,8			

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 4th 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».

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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