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MfA

Marine fishing area

Abbrev	iations	mln	Million		
ARA	Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam range	M/T	Motor tanker		
b/d	Barrels per day	MT mtd	Metric tons per ton fob delivered		
ВНР	Brake horsepower	mth	Month		
bln	Billion	mtw	Per ton ex wharf		
CBM	Cubic metres (also m³)	n.a.	Not available		
CEU	Car equivalent unit	NDRF	National Defence Reserve Fleet		
	•	n.e.c.	Not elsewhere classified		
cgt cif	Compensated gross tonnage	neg.	Negligible		
	Cost, insurance, freight	NIS	Norwegian International Ship Register		
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States	no	Number		
CLIA	Cruise Lines International Association	nrt	Net register tonnage		
COD	Country of Domicile	nt NWE,NW	Net tonnage		
CPE	Centrally-planned Economies	o.a.	Northwest Europe Over all		
CPI	Consumer price index	ОВО	Ore/bulk/oil carrier		
CRSL	Clarkson Research Services Limited	OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and		
cST	Centi Stokes		Development		
cu.m	Cubic metres (also m3)	OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries		
DB	Double bottom	OR	Ordinary Register		
DC	Developing Countries	P/C	Products carrier		
DH	Double hull	r	Revised		
DIS	Danish International Ship Register	ro/ro	Roll-on/roll-off		
DME	Developed market economies	RT SAR	Revenue ton		
DS	Double sides	SBT	Special administration region Ship segregated ballast tanks		
dwt	Deadweight tons	SDR	Special drawing rights		
d/y	Day/year	SEA Europe	Shipyards' & Maritime Equipment Association of		
ECB	European Central Bank	·	Europe		
<b>EMEs</b>	Emerging Market Economies	SOx	sulfur oxides		
EU	European Union	SSMR	ISL Shipping Statistics and Market Review		
FY	Fiscal year	SSYB	ISL Shipping Statistics Yearbook		
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	ST	Short ton		
FEU	Forty feet equivalent unit	t TB	Ton/tonne Tug/barge		
fio	Free in and out	TC	Time charter		
fob	Free on board	TEU	Twenty-foot equivalent unit		
FT	Freight tons	ТКВ	Tanker barge		
ft	Foot	ULCC	Ultra large crude carrier		
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade	USAC	United States Atlantic Coast		
gt/grt	Gross tonnage	USGC	United States Gulf Coast		
HP	Horsepower	USPC	United States Pacific Coast		
HT	Harbour ton	USD/\$	US Dollar		
ibf	Intermediate bunker fuel	VLCC VLOC	Very large crude carrier		
IEA	International Energy Agency	WS	Very large ore carrier Worldscale		
IMF	International Monetary Fund	WTO	World Trade Organization		
IMO	International Maritime Organization	YR, YRS	Year, Years		
in.	Inch		·		
ITF	International Transport Workers Federation	Symbols			
	Kilometre	_	Data not available		
km	Length overall		Nil		
loa		0/0.0			
lbs	Pounds	0/0.0	Less than half of unit employed		
LDT	Light displacement tons	1995-2024	From 1995 to 2024 inclusive		
LDC	Less Developed Countries	2004/05	Crop year, fiscal year etc., beginning		
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas		in 2004 and terminating in 2005		
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas	Billions mear	ns a thousand million		
LT	Long ton		ns in tables do not necessarily add to totals because of		
m ls -d	Metre	rounding			
mbd	Million barrel per day				
mdo MED	Marine diesel oil Mediterranean		ther explanation (e.g. Glossary) please visit:		
MED	Marino fishing area	www.isl.org			

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Other Asia: Bandar Abbas, Ashdod, Haifa, Beirut, Salalah, Dammam, Jeddah, Jebel Ali, Chennai, Nhava Sheva,

Manila, Singapore, Colombo, Bangkok, Laem Chabang, Port Klang

North-America Pacific: Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland, Seaport Alliance (Seattle, Tacoma), Prince Rupert, Vancouver

North-America Atlantic: Baltimore, Charleston, Houston, Montreal, New York/ New Jersey, Port of Virginia, Savannah

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Lissabon, Rotterdam, Sines, St Petersburg, Tallinn, Zeebrugge

Mediterranean: Alexandria (Egypt), Ambarli (, Ashdod, Algeciras-La Linea, Barcelona, Beirut, Casablanca, Genoa, Gioia

Tauro, Haifa, Marseilles, Mersin, Napoli, Salerno, Port Said, Valencia

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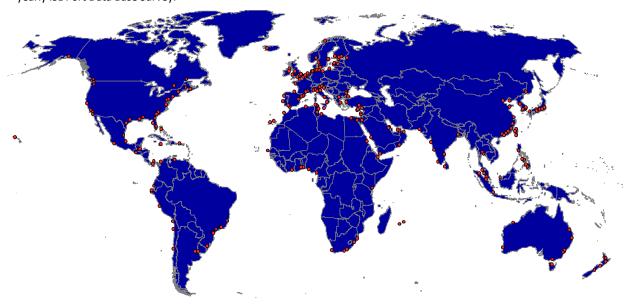
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#### **Fleet and New Construction Data**

## Country of registration and country of control

Country of registration indicates the country of the port of registry of a country (flag). The country of control is defined as the "Real Nationality", i.e. the home country of the interests behind the primary reference company. None of the information regarding ownership is intended to confirm or otherwise the legal status of the companies or the ships associated with them

Denmark includes Faeroes, Greenland.

France includes French Polynesia, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, New Caledonia, Réunion, Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon, Wallis and Futuna Islands

**Netherlands** includes Netherlands Antilles, Curacao, Aruba. **Portugal** includes Madeira.

Spain includes Canary Islands.

**UK** includes Isle of Man, Falkland Island, Turks and Caicos , St. Helens, Jersey.

US includes Puerto Rico.

#### **Broken-up Tonnage**

includes ships sold for breaking. Figures on broken-up tonnage are not revised if vessels reported for breaking are trading again.

#### **Merchant Ship Type Structures**

Based on "An International Classification of Ships by Type" (ICST (1994)

Definition of terms used in merchant ship structures type classification.

**Tanker:** Single-deck vessel constructed and arranged for the carriage of liquid cargoes in tanks integral to the hull and include crude oil or non-hazardous (IMO code) refined products.

**Chemical tanker**: Vessel constructed and arranged for carrying hazardous (IMO code) cargoes in special tanks.

**Liquid gas tanker**: Vessel constructed and arranged for the carriage of liquefied gases either in integral tanks or independent tanks under pressure or refrigerated.

**Dry Bulk**: Dry cargo vessel. One deck, machinery aft with topside tanks capable of carrying a variety of self-trimming cargoes.

**Ore Carrier (Bulk Carrier)**: Dry cargo vessel, one deck, strengthening for ore cargoes.

**Ore/Bulk/Oil Carrier (OBO)**: Bulk carrier arranged for the carriage of either bulk dry cargoes or liquid cargoes in the same cargo spaces but not simultaneously.

**General Cargo**: Single or multi-deck general dry cargo vessel with facilities for loading/ discharging cargo.

**Specialised Carrier (Special Ship)**: Dry cargo vessel specially designed for the carriage of particular cargoes, incl. open hatch carriers and reefer fish carriers.

**Reefer:** Specialised dry cargo vessel with 80 % or more insulated cargo space.

**RoRo Cargo/RoRo Passenger**: Vessel arranged for Roll-on Roll-off loading / discharging of vehicles (road and/or rail) as cargo and / or passenger conveyances.

Container Ship (Fully Cellular Container Ships): Vessel fitted throughout with fixed or portable cell guides for the carriage of containers above and below the weather deck.

**Passenger**: Vessel which carries more than 12 fare paying passengers whether berthed or unberthed (ferries).

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MERCHANT SHIP		STRUCTURES	ISL SHIP TYPES	
			Special Fleet Report	Broken-up tonnage etc.
LIQUID	Oil tankers	- Crude oil tankers - Crude/products tankers - Products tankers	Oil tankers " "	Tankers " ""
	Oil / Chemical tankers	- Oil chemical tankers - Chemical tankers - Other tankers	Oil / Chemical tankers	Tankers "
	Liquid gas tankers	- LNG carriers - LPG carriers - Other liquid gas carriers	Liquid gas tankers " "	Tankers "
DRY BULK	Bulk carriers	- bulk carriers - other bulk carriers incl. ore carriers - Ore/bulk/oil carriers - Ore/oil carriers - Bulk/oil carriers	Bulk carriers Other bulk carriers " "	Bulk carriers " " "
OHTER DRY CARGO	General cargo ships	of which - Conventional Cargo ships - Special ships - Pure car carriers - Reefer ships - RoRo cargo ships	General cargo ships, of which Conventional Cargo ships Special ships Pure car carriers Reefer ships RoRo cargo ships	General cargo ships, of which Conventional Cargo ships (a) (a) (a)
	Container ships Passenger and passenger cargo ships (b)	- Fully cellular container ships  of which  - Passenger ships - Cargo/RoRo passenger ships	Fully cellular container ships  Passenger and cargo passenger ships, of which Passenger ships Cargo/RoRo passenger ships	Fully cellular container ships  Passenger ships  """

<sup>(</sup>a) Included in General Cargo Ships.

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<sup>(</sup>b) Including ships (berthed and unberthed) for passenger transport and passenger carrying vessels like general cargo passenger ships, ro-ro passenger ships (ferries).

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