

Transport activity
1st Quarter 2015

Transport of goods keeps increasing in national ports and airports while declining in road transport

Movement of passengers in air transport records noteworthy increase

National maritime ports recorded increases of 3.2%¹ in the number of commercial vessels entered, 12.0% in gross tonnage (GT) of the vessels and 9.9% in goods handled (+3.1%, +4.3% and +10.3% respectively in the 4th quarter 2014).

Goods transported in railway mode increased by 11.1% (+11.5% in preceding quarter) corresponding to a growth of 12.7% in tons-kilometer (+16.7% in the 4th quarter 2014).

Airport activity kept growing as in 2014, with increases in the movement of aircrafts (+9.2%), passengers (+14.3%) and in cargo/mail (+6.8%) in national airports (+5.9%, +9.9% and +10.2% respectively in the 4th quarter 2014).

On the contrary, road freight transport in national vehicles presented a declining change rate (-3.8%) but less so in comparison with the preceding quarter (-6.2%).

The transport of passengers in railway mode increased by 1.8% (1.1% in the previous quarter), also growing in inland waterways (+2.0% in the 1st quarter 2015 and +0.1% in the preceding quarter) while the light railway systems recorded a change rate of -0.9% (+1.7% in the 4th quarter 2014).

¹ Unless stated otherwise, the change rates presented in this press release were calculated in relation to the same period of the previous year, therefore they should be considered as year-on-year change rates.