

According to the Directive 2009/42/EC **main ports** are ports handling more than 1 million tonnes of goods or 200 000 passengers annually. More data are to be collected for “main ports” than for other ports. However, the additional data may also be included by countries for smaller ports on a voluntary basis. Moreover, because of normal fluctuations in port activity, the thresholds are not automatically applied on a yearly basis to maintain the consistency of the series over time.

### Further information

- [Directive 2009/42/EC](#) of 6 May 2009 on on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea

### Related concepts

- [Navigable inland waterway](#)
- [Port](#)

### Statistical data

- [Maritime freight and vessels statistics](#)
- [Maritime transport of goods - quarterly data](#)
- [Transport statistics introduced](#)

### Source

- [Glossary for transport statistics, 3rd edition, 2003](#)