

Table 15  
**World fleet by type of vessel and regional distribution end-1997**  
Percentage of type registered

Type of vessel	Total tonnage million GT	% change End-1997 End-1996	OECD Countries <sup>1</sup>	NIS/ CEECs <sup>2</sup>	Dynamic Non Member Economies <sup>3</sup>	China	Open Registry Countries <sup>4</sup>	Rest of the World
Oil tankers	147.1	0.5	28.0	2.1	8.7	1.4	51.2	8.7
Chemical carriers	13.6	5.4	40.6	0.2	8.5	0.7	44.6	5.4
Liquefied gas carriers	16.6	5.1	43.5	0.0	8.1	0.3	38.9	9.2
Combination carriers	11.4	-6.6	25.3	4.4	11.2	0.0	55.7	3.4
Dry bulk carriers	150.8	3.9	21.3	2.4	9.4	4.3	53.5	9.1
General cargo ships	56.6	-1.0	15.8	10.3	9.0	8.3	41.9	14.6
Container ships	48.9	13.5	35.9	1.0	14.3	2.9	39.8	6.1
Refrigerated carriers	7.1	0.0	12.3	8.9	2.4	1.4	68.9	6.1
Ro-Ro ships	22.0	3.3	37.7	2.2	7.6	0.5	45.8	6.3
Passenger ships	19.8	6.5	56.7	3.8	2.3	2.4	28.1	6.7
Other cargo ships	2.6	8.3	41.9	10.1	8.5	1.7	23.9	14.0
Fishing vessels	12.6	-3.8	32.9	36.7	5.1	1.8	8.4	15.0
Other ships	13.1	4.8	41.1	10.9	6.0	12.0	20.5	9.5
All categories	522.2	2.8	28.1	4.0	8.9	3.1	46.5	9.4

1. Including Great Lakes and United States Reserve Fleets

2. Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia.

3. Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong(China), Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand

4. Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Gibraltar, Honduras, Lebanon, Liberia, Malta, Mauritius, Oman, Panama, Saint Vincent and Vanuatu

Source: Lloyd's Register *World Fleet Statistics 1997*, London, 1998.

Note: Categorisation of ships by type

Oil tankers: Oil tanker.

Chemical tankers: Chemical tanker and chemical/oil tanker

Liquefied gas carriers: Liquefied gas tanker and liquefied gas/chemical tanker

Combination carriers: Bulk/oil carrier and ore/oil carrier.

Dry bulk carriers: Bulk carrier, ore carrier, self-discharging bulk carrier, cement carrier, wood chips carrier and urea carrier; etc.

General cargo ships: General cargo ship, palletised cargo ship and deck cargo ship

Container ships: Container ship.

Refrigerated carriers: Refrigerated cargo ship.

Ro-Ro ships: Ro-Ro cargo ship, container/Ro-Ro cargo ship, vehicles carrier and landing craft

Passenger ships: Passenger ship, passenger/general cargo ship, passenger/Ro-Ro cargo ship and passenger/landing craft

Other cargo ships: Live stock carrier, barge carrier and heavy cargo carrier; etc.

Fishing vessels: Trawler, fishing vessel, fish factory ship and fish carrier; etc.

Other ships: Offshore supply ship, offshore support ship, offshore well production ship, drilling ship, research ship, tug, pusher tug, dredger, hopper dredger, motor hopper, sludge disposal vessel, crane ship, cable ship, ice-breaker.