

## Sea Passenger Statistics – Note to users

The department is currently reviewing the content of the annual sea passenger statistics including the data tables published as part of this release. This document sets out changes to the tables published as part of the 2017 statistics and proposed changes that will impact the next statistical publication. The table below outlines the changes that have been made, and are proposed.

We welcome any comments to these changes by **31st December 2018**. You can contact us by **email** to [maritime.stats@dft.gov.uk](mailto:maritime.stats@dft.gov.uk) or by **phone** 075 8588 0728.

We would be grateful for any feedback that users have on the changes to the data tables, or any other aspect of these statistics. This will allow us to make decisions based on user needs and enable us to better disseminate the statistics.

The department will continue to review these statistics annually to ensure they balance the needs of users against the resources needed to compile the statistics.

Table reference	Proposal/changes made	Notes
SPAS0101	Retain	All sea passengers by port - we believe that there is sufficient user interest in this data
SPAS0102	Retain	Short sea passengers by ferry route - we believe that there is sufficient user interest in this data
SPAS0107	Retain	Monthly figures – known to be well used
SPAS0108	Retain	Breakdown by country and port - we believe that there is sufficient user interest in this data, but intend to combine with the current SPAS0103 (which has a longer time series)
SPAS0201	Retain	Domestic sea passengers - we believe that there is sufficient user interest in this data
SPAS0103	Retain this year and discontinue next year.	Breakdown by country, long time series - we are proposing to backdate the time-series of SPAS0108 to 1950 and drop SPAS0103 next year – no information currently published will be lost as a result of this change.
SPAS0105	Retain this year and discontinue next year.	All sea passengers, quarterly – we are unsure whether there is user interest in the quarterly breakdown so would welcome any feedback on whether the data are useful
SPAS0202	Retain this year and discontinue next year.	Domestic sea passengers, quarterly – we are unsure whether there is user interest in the quarterly breakdown so would welcome any feedback on whether the data are useful

SPAS0501	Retain this year and discontinue next year.	Domestic and international passengers by country - International passenger numbers are found in the SPAS01 series and domestic passenger numbers are found in the SPAS02 series.
SPAS0301	Discontinued	All figures in this table are also shown in table SPAS0101. No added value in retaining.
SPAS0302	Discontinued	All figures in this table are also shown in table SPAS0102. No added value in retaining.
SPAS0401	Discontinued	All figures in this table are also shown in table <a href="#">PORT0301</a> of the Port Freight statistics published by DfT.
SPAS0402	Discontinued	The majority of figures in this table are also shown in table <a href="#">PORT0205</a> of the Port Freight statistics published by DfT.

Further information on the sea passenger series can be found here:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/maritime-andshipping-statistics-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/maritime-andshipping-statistics-guidance)

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