Proposed changes to Shipping Fleet Statistics data tables for March 2020 publication

Introduction

The department is currently reviewing the data tables available on shipping fleet statistics. This document sets out the proposed changes. Subject to feedback, the changes outlined below will impact the next annual shipping fleet statistics to be published in March 2020.

What are the proposed changes and why have they been suggested?

The new proposed table structure, summarised below, includes fewer tables. Some of the current tables will be redesigned and combined to group together related information and to reduce duplication across tables. Some tables that have had low number of user views will be dropped. This is to streamline the publication so that users can find their table of interest more quickly.

Once finalised, a key of the current table structure mapped to the new table structure will be available online to make it easier for users of a specific table to identify the new table that contains the data they require.

Table	Proposed changes	Reason for change
FLE0101- UK interests in trading ships 100GT+, 1997-2017 FLE0102- The UK owned and managed fleet, 100GT+, latest year	FLE0102 to be added as a separate sheet in the same file as table FLE0101	FLE0102 helps interpretation of FLE0101, so it is more logical to publish them in the same file
FLE0201- UK owned vessels, 100GT+, by type, latest year and previous year FLE0202- UK owned vessels, 100GT+, by type and registry, latest year	FLE0201 to be dropped, data for previous year by type and registry to be added to FLE0202 as a separate sheet so that no information is lost	Reduces number of separate files and data that is duplicated in FLE0201 and FLE0202
FLE0203 - UK owned or parent owned trading vessels by registry, size of vessel and nationality of parent company, latest year FLE0204- UK owned trading vessels of 500 GT+, by type, 1986 -2017.	FLE0203 and FLE0204 to be dropped	Low number of user views
FLE0303 - UK and Crown Dependency registered vessels, 500GT+, by type, latest year	FLE0303 to be dropped	Low number of user views, similar information can be found in FLE0302 for vessels of 100GT+
FLE0304 - UK and Crown Dependency registered vessels, 500GT+, by type, 1986 onwards	FLE0304 to be dropped	Low number of user views, same information on gross tonnage by type of vessel and total number of vessels can be found in FLE0301

FLE0401 - Red Ensign Group registered vessels, 100GT+, by register and trading type, latest year FLE0402 - Red Ensign Group registered vessels, 100GT+, by register, 1999 onwards FLE0501 - World Fleet registered trading vessels of 100GT+, GT by selected register, since 1999 FLE0502 - World Fleet registered trading vessels of 100GT+, DWT by selected register, since 1999	FLE0401, FLE0402, FLE0501 and FLE0502 to be replaced with a table similar to FLE0501, which will include: number of vessels, gross tonnage and deadweight tonnage, by selected registers with historical time series Note this means that no information will be lost from dropping FLE0402	Reduces number of separate files and data that is duplicated across these tables
FLE0601 - UK group beneficial owned vessels, 100GT+, by type and registry, latest year	FLE0601 to be dropped and replaced with a similar table showing UK parent owned vessels	Low number of user views

How to respond

We welcome any comments to these proposed tables changes by **30th April 2019**.

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