The Review of Maritime Transport is an UNCTAD flagship publication, published annually since 1968. It reports on the worldwide evolution of shipping, ports and multimodal transport related to liquid bulk, dry bulk and container traffic. Over 80 per cent of international trade in goods is carried by sea, and the percentage is even higher for most developing countries. The Review of Maritime Transport provides an analysis of structural and cyclical changes affecting seaborne trade, ports and shipping, as well as an extensive collection of statistical information on the following topics:

- Seaborne trade
- Fleet ownership and registration
- Shipbuilding and demolitions
- Freight rates
- Liner shipping connectivity
- Port traffic

The Review of Maritime Transport 2011 covers developments in maritime and other modes of transport from January 2010 to mid-2011 and provides updates to existing statistical data.

**The contents of the Review of Maritime Transport 2011 are as follows:**

1. Developments in international seaborne trade
2. Structure, ownership and registration of the world fleet
3. Vessel prices and freight rates
4. Port and multimodal transport developments
5. Legal issues and regulatory developments
6. Developing countries’ participation in maritime businesses

**HIGHLIGHTS**

More than 80 per cent of international trade in goods is carried by sea, and an even higher percentage of developing-country trade is carried in ships. The Review of Maritime Transport, an annual publication prepared by the Division on Technology and Logistics of the UNCTAD secretariat, is an important source of information on this vital sector. It closely monitors developments affecting world seaborne trade, freight rates, ports, surface transport and logistics services, as well as trends in shipownership and control and fleet age, tonnage supply and productivity. The Review contains a chapter on legal and regulatory developments and each year includes a special chapter analysing in more depth a selected topic. In 2011, the focus is on the participation of developing countries in different maritime businesses.
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- Public–private partnerships in transportation and trade
- Trade facilitation negotiations at the World Trade Organization
- Regional initiatives in trade facilitation
- Port reforms
- Transit transport
- Challenges facing least developed countries
- Maritime cargo container scanning
- UNCTAD Port Training Programme
- National and regional collaborative mechanisms in trade facilitation
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