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ABBREVIATIONS

c.i.f.	cost, insurance and freight
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
DMEC	developed market-economy country
dwt	deadweight tons
f.o.b.	free on board
GDP	gross domestic product
grt	gross registered tons
ldt	light displacement tons
LNG	liquefied natural gas
NIC	newly industrializing countries
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
TEU	twenty-foot equivalent unit
ULCC	ultra-large crude carrier
VLCC	very large crude carrier
WS	Worldscale

EXPLANATORY NOTES

"Tons" refers to metric tons, unless otherwise stated.

Details and percentages presented in tables, because of rounding, do not necessarily add up to the totals.

Two dots (..) indicate that data are not available or are not separately reported.

A dash (-) signifies that the amount is nil, or less than half the unit used.

In some tables, the data shown for earlier years have been revised and updated, and therefore differ from those shown in previous issues of the *Review*. This relates in particular to the distribution of world tonnage according to country groups, specifically the classification of *major open-registry countries*. Up to the 1994 edition of the *Review*, the majority of tables included five countries in this group, i.e. Bahamas, Bermuda, Cyprus, Liberia and Panama, while some tables also included Malta and Vanuatu. In order to improve consistency and to reflect practices of ship registration, Malta and Vanuatu have been included in all tables referring to major open-registry countries. This reclassification primarily affects the share of developing countries in Europe in total world tonnage.

In the tables and the text, the use of the term "countries" refers to countries, territories or areas.

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