

**DELIBERATION NO 28 OF THE STANDING SECTION OF STATISTICAL COORDINATION**

**APPROVAL OF THE UPDATE OF THE 'METHODOLOGICAL DOCUMENT OF PORTUGUESE STATISTICS'  
FOR USE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM – 2012 version**

In 2005 the *Conselho Superior de Estatística* (Statistical Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council) approved the standardised format of a Methodological Document for the functional and methodological characterisation of statistics within the framework of the National Statistical System (NSS), thus seeking to contribute to deepening the clarity and transparency of such statistics among users, aiming at their better understanding.

Although the initial format of the document in question has been highlighted in statistics under the responsibility of Statistics Portugal, in 2006 Banco de Portugal undertook the commitment of documenting the main statistical information fields under its responsibility in accordance with said format, although introducing some adjustments resulting from the specificities inherent to its statistics' production processes.

Building on the experience gathered and the methodological developments observed, it is now deemed appropriate to update the format of the Methodological Document of Portuguese statistics.

Pursuant to its powers, as provided for in Annex B (h) and (i) of Deliberation No 2 of the Statistical Council, **at its meeting on 1 March 2012 the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination decided:**

- (a) To approve an updated format for the Methodological Document of Portuguese statistics, which will be based on the framework set forth by Statistics Portugal for the statistics under its responsibility and the responsibility of entities with powers delegated by Statistics Portugal, without prejudice to the introduction of one-off adjustments deemed pertinent by other statistical authorities – Banco de Portugal, Regional Statistical Office of the Azores and Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira for regional statistics.
- (b) That statistical authorities shall use this framework when documenting new statistical operations and recommends that the existing documents for operations subject to regular statistical production be updated by the end of this year.
- (c) To recommend that statistical authorities ensure that the Methodological Documents on statistics under their responsibility are available on their websites.

To request that on a quarterly basis and until full adoption of the new format, statistical authorities inform the Section about the degree of implementation of this deliberation, while Statistics Portugal shall report the information on entities with delegated powers.

Lisbon, 1 March 2012

Chairman of the Section, *João Cadete de Matos*

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