

DELIBERATION NO 118 OF THE *CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA* (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)

- OFFICIAL STATISTICAL DATA -

“OFFICIAL STATISTICS” – TERM TO BE INCLUDED IN OFFICIAL STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER MEDIA OF DISSEMINATION OF OFFICIAL STATISTICAL DATA

Whereas, irrespective of other initiatives deemed relevant by the *Conselho Superior de Estatística* (Statistical Council) (hereinafter referred to as the Council), it is fundamental to clarify the users as to which statistical data are to be considered official, **the Council, pursuant to Article 10 (1) (b) of Law No 6/89 of 15 April, decides that:**

- 1 - All publications releasing official statistical data, irrespective of the media, shall include, at a visible location, to be defined after graphical considerations, the term:

“OFFICIAL STATISTICS”

Statistics Portugal shall be responsible for its registration, thereby ensuring its exclusive utilisation.

- 2 - The utilisation of the term “OFFICIAL STATISTICS” shall be exclusive to and mandatory in all publications of statistical data that cumulatively meet the following requirements:

- (a) **They shall be issued by statistics producers within the scope of the *Sistema Estatístico Nacional* (National Statistical System):**

Whereas, pursuant to Law No 6/89 of 15 April, the National Statistical System comprises the Council and Statistics Portugal;

Whereas Article 3 of the same Law establishes that “(...) *the exercise of the tasks of rating, compilation, coordination and dissemination of official statistical data shall be the*

exclusive responsibility of Statistics Portugal (...)", which may, however, "(...) in the performance of its tasks, delegate official functions such as rating, collection and coordination of statistical data to other public services" (Article 16 (1)); in this context, joint Deliberations have been published delegating powers to different public services;

Whereas, in the absence of legislation duly adjusted to the National Statistical System's legislation on the Regional Statistical Office, Decree Law No 124/80 of 17 May shall continue in force;

Within the scope of the National Statistical System, statistics producers shall be:

- *STATISTICS PORTUGAL*
- *ENTITIES TO WHOM STATISTICS PORTUGAL HAS DELEGATED POWERS*, approved in line with the provisions of Article 16 of Law No 6/89 of 15 April
- *REGIONAL STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF AÇORES AND REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF STATISTICS OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF MADEIRA*

(b) They shall ensure the coordination of objectives within the scope of the National Statistical System:

- by including the statistical operation in the Work Program of Statistics Portugal and of the entities with powers delegated by Statistics Portugal, approved by the Council.

(c) They shall comply with the applicable technical rules:

- by resorting to statistical files, classifications, concepts and definitions approved by the Council or, in their absence, to those deemed more appropriate by Statistics Portugal;
- by publishing the methodologies used in statistical operations or by referring to an existing methodological document in the case of regular statistical operations.



- 3 - Statistics Portugal, in line with Council guidelines, shall be responsible for checking, on a case-by-case basis, compliance with the requirements deemed necessary for data to qualify as "OFFICIAL STATISTICS".

Lisbon, 10 December 1996

The Vice-Chairman of the Statistical Council, *Carlos Corrêa Gago*

The Executive Secretary of the Statistical Council, *Pedro Jorge Nunes da Silva Dias*