

DELIBERATION NO 187 OF THE *CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA* (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)

STATISTICAL DATA NOT SUBJECT TO STATISTICAL CONFIDENTIALITY

Deliberation No 5 of the *Conselho Superior de Estatística* (Statistical Council) (hereinafter referred to as the Council) was approved in 1990. Its contents, i.e. statistical data not subject to statistical confidentiality, should be interlinked with the statistical and legal reality at each moment in time.

Therefore, it seems most pertinent to adjust this Deliberation to a number of semi-structural legal changes that have arisen in the meantime and with possible spillovers into its contents.

Moreover, in view of the permanent changes in the legal framework and of the ongoing efforts to adjust the instruments for the preparation of statistics, it is not adequate as yet to implement a major reform of the contents of this Deliberation.

However, it is deemed appropriate that this Deliberation be changed, albeit partially, at the present juncture.

Therefore:

(1) Whereas article 5 of Law No 6/89 of 15 April that defines and frames the problems surrounding statistical confidentiality, with respect to the collection and dissemination of statistical data;

(2) Whereas the continuous requests for statistical data submitted to Statistics Portugal and to the entities with powers delegated by the latter under Article 16 of Law No 6/89 of 15 April;

The *Secção Permanente do Segredo Estatístico* (Standing Section of Statistical Confidentiality), pursuant to paragraph 2 (a) of Annex A to Deliberation No 140 of the Council, considers it appropriate to update situations that are clear exceptions to the limits laid down in Article 5 of Law No 6/89 of 15 April and decided, at its meeting of 7 July 2000, that statistical data in the cases indicated below shall not be covered by statistical confidentiality, and may therefore be included separately in any publication or supplied to any person or entity.



Statistical information on cooperatives, public and private enterprises, credit institutions and other participants of economic activities, provided that:

- 1. they refer to three or more units per variable or set of core variables for the breakdown of the information;*
- 2. the disclosure of the information is mandatory by law (**Annex I**, which forms an integral part of this Deliberation, describes some situations, by way of example);*
- 3. they are made available according to the brackets mentioned in **Annex II** (which forms an integral part of this Deliberation) and meet condition No 1;*

A. The Joint-Deliberations in which Statistics Portugal delegates powers to public services, as well as the underlying protocols, shall lay down the rules to monitor requests submitted to the entities with powers delegated by Statistics Portugal and that do not require to be submitted for opinion to the Standing Section of Statistical Confidentiality.

B. Deliberation No 5 of the Council is hereby revoked.

Lisbon, 25 July 2000

The Chairperson of the Section, *Ana Maria Pereira Vaz*

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