**CONSELHO SUPERIOR
DE ESTATÍSTICA**

DELIBERATION NO 258 OF THE *CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA* (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)

APPROVING THE NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES 2002

Whereas the challenging demands on the production and dissemination of pertinent official statistical information, according to high-efficiency criteria, which require firm consistency of the National Statistical System's institutional network, in order to appropriately respond to all information requirements, either national or international;

Whereas the requirements to strengthen coordination of the *Sistema Estatístico Nacional* (National Statistical System) within the scope of technical-scientific standardisation tools, namely at the nomenclature level;

Whereas the *Linhas Gerais da Actividade Estatística Nacional, e respectivas prioridades para o período 2003/2007* (General Guidelines of National Statistical Activity and relevant priorities for the 2003/2007 period) approved by the *Conselho Superior de Estatística* (Statistical Council) (hereinafter referred to as the Council) in Deliberation No 247 of 28 January 2003, which establish in paragraph 63:

To promote integration of the classification system used by data providers with the concepts and classification systems of the National Statistical System

Whereas the 2nd recommendation of the *Grupo de Trabalho da CAE-Rev. 2 e Nomenclaturas Relacionadas* (Working group of CAE-Rev. 2 and related nomenclatures) of 28 May 2003, including the express recommendation for approval of the *Classificação Nacional de Bens e Serviços* (National Classification of Goods and Services), which shall be the new framework of goods and services to be used within the scope of the National Statistical System, for the production of statistics;

The *Secção Permanente de Planeamento, Coordenação e Difusão* (Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination) decides, at its meeting of 24 June 2003, according to the powers laid down in Annex D, paragraph 2 (e) of Deliberation No 140 of the Council:

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1. **<u>To approve the proposal for the structure of the National Classification of Goods and Services, in annex to this Deliberation and forming an integral part thereof.</u>**

2. To recommend that the National Classification of Goods and Services/2002 should also be adopted by general government entities, in administrative acts or procedures, whenever these are liable to be used for statistical purposes, leading to cost cuts and to an improvement in statistical data quality.

Lisbon, 24 June 2003

The Chairman of the Section, *Orlando Caliço*
The Executive Secretary of the Statistical Council, *Maria Margarida Lobo da Conceição Madaleno*