

DELIBERATION NO 283 OF THE CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)

APPROVING THE PORTUGUESE CLASSIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION

(Portuguese acronym CC-PT)

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 Community's and the National Statistical System's institutional network, in order to appropriately respond to all information requirements, either national or international;

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

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 project of the Portuguese Classification of Construction establishes the framework for construction works, covering construction and civil engineering projects, harmonised with the EUROSTAT's Classification of Construction, which was the object of a Commission Recommendation for its adoption by the Member States, thereby enhancing national and Community statistical comparability;

Whereas the Portuguese Classification of Construction, as a structured and integrated document, fills a gap in terms of a framework describing the nature and object of buildings and civil engineering projects

with relevance for statistical and non-statistical purposes (with special focus on administrative data for statistical purposes);

The *Secção Permanente de Planeamento, Coordenação e Difusão* (Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination) decides, at its meeting of 16 November 2004, within the scope of its powers, as laid down in Annex D, paragraph 2 (e) of Deliberation No 140 of the Council:

- 1. To approve the structure of the Portuguese Classification of Construction (Portuguese acronym CC-PT), in annex to this Deliberation and forming an integral part thereof, without prejudice to the *Grupo de Trabalho da CAE-Rev. 2 e Nomenclaturas Relacionadas* (Working group of CAE Rev. 2 and related nomenclatures), considering the specific issues raised in this Section; to check, within two weeks, whether these may be adjusted to the CC-PT, without countering the respective principles and structure. The text containing the changes shall be sent to the Secretariat, which shall circulate it among the Members.**
- 2. To recommend that the CC-PT be adopted by general government entities in administrative data or procedures, whenever these are liable to be used for statistical purposes, leading to cost cuts and to an improvement in the statistical data quality.**
- 3. To also recommend Statistics Portugal that the concepts with special interest included in the structure of the Classification and not yet approved by the Council be incorporated in the respective statistical areas and submitted to the Council for approval.**

Lisbon, 26 November 2004

The structure and explanatory notes corresponding to the Portuguese Classification of Construction are available at the library of Statistics Portugal in hard copy, and on its website – at www.ine.pt – in file format.

The Chairman of the Section, *João Cadete de Matos*

The Executive Secretary of the Statistical Council, *Maria Margarida Lobo da Conceição Madaleno*