

**DELIBERATION NO 14 OF THE CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)**

**ON THE DELEGATION OF POWERS OF STATISTICS PORTUGAL FOR THE PRODUCTION AND  
DISSEMINATION OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS TO SIX ENTITIES**

Whereas Statistics Portugal, within the scope of its powers, pursuant to Article 3 (3) of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May, is the "*(...) central body that produces and disseminates official statistics, supervising and coordinating technical and scientific matters within the NSS*".

Whereas, in addition, pursuant to Article 24 (1) of Law No 22/2008, "*The Administration Board of Statistics Portugal may delegate to other bodies the necessary powers to produce and disseminate official statistics*".

Whereas within the scope of its powers to oversee and coordinate the National Statistical System (Article 3 (2)), the *Conselho Superior de Estatística* (Statistical Council) (hereinafter referred to as the Council) is entrusted with "*issuing an opinion on proposals for the delegation of powers by Statistics Portugal to other entities, so they may produce and disseminate official statistics, for the purposes of Article 24*" – Article 13 (i) of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May.

Whereas the General Guidelines of National Statistical Activity for 2008-2012, approved by the Council, point to a need "*To promote an effective process for the delegation of powers, within the framework of the new Law governing the National Statistical System*" – Objective 2 | LA2.

Whereas the contents of the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council of 25 May 2005 on the Code of Practice on European Statistics.

Whereas, finally, Deliberation No 5 of the Statistical Council of December 2008 that issued a favourable opinion on the document "Delegation of powers of Statistics Portugal" presented by Statistics Portugal, which includes:

1. The principles that, according to Statistics Portugal, should be adopted when delegating powers to other bodies.
2. The process of formalising, delimiting the scope and ending the delegation of powers by Statistics Portugal.
3. The model of a protocol for the delegation of powers to be signed between Statistics Portugal and the entity to which the former delegates the powers.

Whereas in this context Statistics Portugal has submitted to the opinion of the Council six protocols for the delegation of powers.

Pursuant to Article 3 (2) and Article 13 (i) of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May, **at the plenary meeting on 26 February 2010, the Statistical Council**, upon a favourable opinion of the *Secção Permanente de Coordenação Estatística* (Standing Section of Statistical Coordination), **decided to issue a favourable opinion on the protocols for the delegation of powers, presented by Statistics Portugal, to the following entities:**

- Directorate General of Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries
- Directorate General of Energy and Geology of the Ministry of Economy, Innovation and Development
- Statistics and Education Planning Office of the Ministry of Education
- Knowledge Society Agency of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education
- Planning, Strategy, Assessment and International Relations Office of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education
- Office for Strategy and Planning of the Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity

Taking into account that the appraisal of the specific proposals for the delegation of powers for the production of official statistics presented by Statistics Portugal is one of the priorities of the Statistical Council for 2010, **the Council considers that, pursuant to Deliberation No 9 of the Statistical Council of July 2009, the basic principles of the delegation of powers, as well as the respective achieved processes, must be the object of a Media Information Note.**

Lisbon, 26 February 2010

The Vice-Chairman of the Statistical Council, *Alda de Caetano Carvalho*

The Executive Secretary of the Statistical Council, *Maria da Graça Fernandes Caeiro Bento*