

**DELIBERATION NO 63 OF THE STANDING SECTION OF STATISTICAL COORDINATION**  
**NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES 2016 (CNBS/2016)**

Whereas the powers of the Statistical Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) as envisaged in Article 13 (c) and (h) of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May 2008, and the powers envisaged in Articles 5 and 5a of Regulation (EU) 2015/759 on European statistics.

Whereas according to the European Statistics Code of Practice “sound methodology underpins quality statistics. This requires adequate tools, procedures and expertise.” and one of the indicators of compliance with this principle is that “procedures are in place to ensure that standard concepts, definitions, classifications and other types of standards are consistently applied throughout the statistical authority.”

Whereas in 2009 the Council approved the National Classification of Goods and Services 2008 - CNBS/2008 (Deliberation No 6 of the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination);

Whereas Commission Regulation (EU) No 1209/2014 of 29 October 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 451/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a new statistical classification of products by activity (CPA) and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93;

Whereas, based on the above assumptions, the need to update and adjust the CNBS/2008 to the changes in the CPA, approved by Regulation (EU) No 1209/2014, and in other European classifications of products, to keep pace with the latest economic and technological developments;

Whereas its importance in terms of statistical relevance and comparability at European and national levels, as well as the reinforcement of the National Statistical System's coordination as driven by the CNBS.

Whereas Recommendation No 9 of the Working Group of Economic and Social Classifications targeted at a positive assessment of this Classification by the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination (*Secção Permanente de Coordenação Estatística* in Portuguese);

## Conselho Superior de Estatística

Under its powers as envisaged in Annex B(2) (h) and (l) of Deliberation No 27 of the Council, at its meeting on 28 March 2019 the **Standing Session of Statistical Coordination decided the following:**

- **to adopt** the structure of the National Classification of Goods and Services 2016 for use by the National Statistical System entities;
- **to make a positive assessment** of the correspondences established with the CNBS/2008 and the 2012 Harmonised System (SH/2012)/2016 Combined Nomenclature (NC/2016);
- **to recommend** that general government entities apply the CNBS/2016 in administrative acts and procedures liable to be utilised for statistical purposes;
- **to promote**, pursuant to Article 15 (3) of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May 2008 and to the Rules of Procedure of the Council, **the publication of this Deliberation in the Official Gazette.**

The National Classification of Goods and Services 2016, the general application programme and the tables of equivalence will be available on the official statistics website at <http://smi.ine.pt>

Lisbon, 28 March 2019

The Chairman of the Section, *Maria João Zilhão*

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