

## DELIBERATION NO 1 | 2008 OF THE STANDING SECTION OF ECONOMIC STATISTICS

### ORGANISATION AND OPERATING MODEL OF THE SECTION

#### ACTION PLAN FOR THE SECTION

Whereas in accordance with the powers laid down in Annex C of Deliberation No 2 | 2008 of the Statistical Council, the *Secção Permanente de Estatísticas Económicas* (Standing Section of Economic Statistics) carries on its activities in the following areas of economic statistics – national accounts, regional accounts, satellite accounts, agriculture, fisheries, industry, trade and services, international trade, tourism, transport, communications, environment, energy, enterprises, as well as monetary, financial, exchange rate and balance of payments statistics.

Whereas, pursuant to Article 13(c) of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May, the Statistical Council is entrusted with the power “to approve technical statistical coordination instruments of mandatory use in the production of official statistics, and promote the respective understanding, publication and use, with the possibility of proposing that the Government extends this imperative use to general government”.

Whereas the specific powers of statistical authorities as regards the production of official statistics.

Whereas pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Statistical Council, approved by Deliberation No 1 | 2008 of 29 September 2008, a series of mechanisms is established to render more efficient the functioning of the Council's different structures.

Whereas the *Secção Permanente de Coordenação Estatística* (Standing Section of Statistical Coordination), in accordance with Deliberation No 2 | 2008 of the Council (Annex B) is entrusted with a series of cross-cutting powers, requiring the optimised functioning of this Section in particular and all Council structures in general.

Whereas, finally, it is important to maintain a number of Deliberations that are prior to the current Law governing the National Statistical System, namely related to the implementation of circuits associated with previously approved Nomenclatures.

The Standing Section of Economic Statistics, at its meeting of 21 April 2009, within the scope of its powers, as laid down in Annex C of Deliberation No 2 | 2008 of the Statistical Council, decides to approve an ACTION PLAN (**Annex I**), for the organisation of its activities in the following fields:

- General initiatives.
- Presentation of methodologies and statistical production in the areas of responsibility of the Section.
- Initiatives in the field of technical statistical coordination instruments.

Lisbon, 25 June 2010

Chairman of the Section, João Ferreira do Amaral

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

**ACTION PLAN FOR THE ORGANISATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE SECTION**

**A. FRAMEWORK**

The Section shall be entrusted with – Annex C of Deliberation No 2 | 2008 Deliberation of the Statistical Council:

- a) Cooperating with the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination in the preparation of the document *Linhas Gerais da Actividade Estatística Oficial* (General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity);
- b) Monitoring the production of official statistics, namely by assessing its adequacy to user needs;
- c) Issuing an opinion on the adequacy of technical tools for statistical coordination to the statistical needs of the areas in question;
- d) Proposing activities that contribute to foster maximum use of administrative data for statistical purposes,
- e) Analysing methodologies, concepts and classifications regarding statistics within its scope of action and issuing the respective recommendation to the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination;
- f) Issuing recommendations regarding the preparation of economic statistics, namely National and Regional Accounts, e.g. the improvement of statistical sources;
- g) Issuing recommendations on Satellite Accounts;
- h) Monitoring, through national institutional participants, the activities of Committees or Working Groups operating within the European Union and the relevant international bodies regarding its scope of action.

**B. GENERAL INITIATIVES**

In the pursuit of its mandate, the Standing Section of Economic Statistics may adopt a flexible operating model, depending on the objectives and the degree of operability needed. Hence, there will be:

1. At least 4 ordinary sessions for, inter alia, monitoring the methodologies and statistical production referred to in C below.
2. Thematic sessions/other events – for discussing specific subjects.
3. Meetings of the Section Chairperson with the Chairpersons of the Working Groups whenever deemed necessary, with the purpose of speeding up work.

### **C. PRESENTATION OF METHODOLOGIES AND STATISTICAL PRODUCTION IN THE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECTION**

In order to allow for greater interaction between producers and users, and to ensure a better understanding and use of these statistics, **Annex II** includes a schedule for the presentation of methodologies and statistical production in the areas of responsibility of the Section (presentations shall focus in particular on methodological issues).

The schedule is purely indicative, and it is necessary to adjust it according to the feasibility of the meetings' agenda and the necessary balance among subjects to be taken into consideration in the respective agendas.

### **D. INITIATIVES<sup>1</sup> IN THE FIELD OF TECHNICAL STATISTICAL COORDINATION INSTRUMENTS**

#### **I – IMPLEMENTATION OF DELIBERATIONS RELATING TO CONCEPTS FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES**

The assessment of concepts for statistical purposes in the areas of responsibility of the Section is governed by the procedures of the Action Plan of the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination – Deliberation No 4 | 2008.

#### **II. IMPLEMENTATION OF DELIBERATIONS RELATING TO NOMENCLATURES AND CLASSIFICATIONS**

The assessment of nomenclatures and classifications in the areas referred to is governed by the procedures of the Action Plan of the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination – Deliberation No 4 | 2008.

Moreover, the written procedure for approving updates of the "Tax Benefit File" (Deliberation No 330 of the Statistical Council of 18 June 2007) shall be maintained. Proposals for amendments shall be sent to the Secretariat of the Statistical Council up to 30 June each year.

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<sup>1</sup> Powers envisaged in sub-paragraph (e) of the mandate.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF METHODOLOGIES AND STATISTICAL PRODUCTION**

2009

<b>Methodologies   Statistical production</b>	<b>Statistical authority</b>	<b>Months</b>
Quarterly national accounts	Statistics Portugal	June   September   December
Monetary and financial statistics	Banco de Portugal	September
Balance of payments and international investment position statistics	Banco de Portugal	September
Presentation of the EDP notification	Statistics Portugal	October
Central balance-sheet Data Office statistics	Banco de Portugal	November
National financial accounts statistics	Banco de Portugal	November
2009 Agricultural Census – state of progress	Statistics Portugal	
Main aspects of the change in the national accounts base	Statistics Portugal	December

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**2010**

<b>Methodologies   Statistical production</b>	<b>Statistical authority</b>	<b>Months</b>
Quarterly national accounts	Statistics Portugal	March   June   September   December
Securities statistics	Banco de Portugal	March
Industry and construction statistics	Statistics Portugal	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter
Balance of payments and international investment position statistics	Banco de Portugal	March   September
Monetary and financial statistics	Banco de Portugal	March   September
International trade statistics	Statistics Portugal	April
Results of the new national accounts base	Statistics Portugal	April
Presentation of the EDP notification	Statistics Portugal	April   October
Central balance-sheet Data Office statistics	Banco de Portugal	May   November
National financial accounts statistics	Banco de Portugal	May   November
2009 Agricultural Census – state of progress	Statistics Portugal	
Key information elements for conjunctural analysis	Statistics Portugal	July
Satellite accounts produced by Statistics Portugal	Statistics Portugal	October
Tourism statistics	Statistics Portugal	October
Environment statistics	Statistics Portugal	October

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**2011**

<b>Methodologies   Statistical production</b>	<b>Statistical authority</b>	<b>Months   quarters</b>
Regional accounts	Statistics Portugal	January
Quarterly national accounts	Statistics Portugal	March   June   September   December
Monetary and financial statistics	Banco de Portugal	March   September
Securities statistics	Banco de Portugal	March
Balance of payments and international investment position statistics	Banco de Portugal	March   September
Health satellite account	Statistics Portugal	April
Trade and services statistics	Statistics Portugal	April
New developments at CPI and HICP level	Statistics Portugal	April
2009 Agricultural Census – state of progress   presentation of results	Statistics Portugal	
Presentation of the EDP notification	Statistics Portugal	April   October
Central balance-sheet Data Office statistics	Banco de Portugal	May   November
National financial accounts statistics	Banco de Portugal	May   November
Agricultural economic accounts	Statistics Portugal	July
Impact of the revision of ESA on the National Classification of Occupations	Statistics Portugal	October
Household Energy Consumption Survey	Statistics Portugal	October
Transport statistics		

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