

**Organisation of Statistics Portugal**  
Decree-Law No 166/2007 of 3 May

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Article 1

**Nature**

1 – The *Instituto Nacional de Estatística, I.P.* (National Statistical Institute, hereinafter referred to as Statistics Portugal) is a public institution integrated within indirect State administration, endowed with administrative autonomy.

2 – Statistics Portugal performs the tasks conferred upon it by the Prime Minister's Office, under the aegis and the supervision of the Prime Minister or of another member of the Government integrated in the Prime Minister's Office.

Article 2

**Territorial jurisdiction and head office**

1 – Statistics Portugal is a central entity with jurisdiction across the whole national territory.

2 – Statistics Portugal has its head office in Lisbon, and may have delegations or any other form of representation in the national territory.

Article 3

**Technical independence**

Statistics Portugal enjoys technical independence in the exercise of official statistical activities, without prejudice to compliance with the rules issued by the competent entities of the *Sistema Estatístico Nacional* (hereinafter referred to as National Statistical System) or of the European Statistical System.

Article 4

**Mission and tasks**

1 – The mission of Statistics Portugal is to produce and disseminate official statistical information, promoting the coordination, development and dissemination of national statistical activities.

2 – The tasks of Statistics Portugal shall be:

- a) to produce official statistical information, with a view to supporting decision-making, at the public or private, individual or collective level, as well as scientific research;
- b) to prepare the Portuguese national accounts, in cooperation with other competent entities, ensuring compliance with national commitments within the framework of the European Statistical System;
- c) to disseminate the statistical information produced in a user-friendly way;
- d) to coordinate and exercise the technical-scientific and methodological supervision of official statistics produced by the entities with delegated powers and by the Regional Statistical Offices of the Autonomous Regions;
- e) to cooperate within the statistical information field with national entities and bodies from other countries, the European Union and international organisations.

3 – Without prejudice to the foregoing paragraph, Statistics Portugal may produce and disseminate other statistical data intended to meet user needs, be it public or private.

4 – Statistics Portugal, in its capacity as national statistical authority, is an integral part of the European Statistical System.

5 – Statistics Portugal, in the exercise of activities, in its capacity as statistical authority, may require information to be reported, which shall be mandatory and free of charge, pursuant to the law governing the National Statistical System.

#### Article 5

##### **Bodies of Statistics Portugal**

Statistics Portugal will comprise an Administration Board.

#### Article 6

##### **Statistical Council**

The *Conselho Superior de Estatística* (hereinafter referred to as Statistical Council) shall operate independently, but in close cooperation with Statistics Portugal, sharing common premises. Its competences, composition and operation shall be regulated in separate legislation.

#### Article 7

##### **Administration Board**

1 – The Administration Board shall comprise the President and two Vice-Presidents.

2 – Without prejudice to the powers conferred upon Statistics Portugal by the law, or delegated or sub-delegated to it, the Administration Board shall be responsible for:

- a) Conducting surveys, censuses and other statistical operations;
- b) Accessing, for exclusive statistical purposes, individual information on cooperatives, collective or private persons, in particular credit institutions and other participants of economic activities, and on sole proprietors, collected within the framework of its mission by the whole general government or by private-law institutions having among their tasks the management of a public service;
- c) Accessing, compiling and managing files containing geographical data intended to support the production and dissemination of georeferenced statistical data;
- d) Creating, centralising and managing statistical unit files;
- e) Participating in the design of carriers for administrative data liable to be used for statistical purposes, in order to ensure, where possible, the adoption of the statistical definitions, concepts and nomenclatures approved by the Statistical Council;
- f) Providing for the prior registration of rating instruments, irrespective of their carrier, to be used in the production of official statistics;
- g) Ensuring that the entities with delegated powers and the Regional Statistical Offices of the Autonomous Regions apply in their statistical operations the methodologies, concepts, classifications and variables approved by the Statistical Council;
- h) Certifying the quality of the statistics produced by the entities mentioned in the foregoing paragraph;
- i) Providing scientific and methodological support to statistical production within the scope of the National Statistical System;
- j) Applying the fines resulting from infringement procedures;
- l) Performing demographic, social, economic, environmental, scientific and technological research and examinations;

- m) Promoting the vocational staff training within the National Statistical System, in cooperation with higher education establishments;
- n) Submitting to the approval of the Prime Minister the setting-up and extinction of delegations of Statistics Portugal, or of any other form of representation within the national territory;
- o) Establishing cooperation relationships, within the scope of its tasks, with other public or private, national or foreign entities, namely with Portuguese-speaking countries.

3 – The Administration Board shall also be granted powers as laid down in the legal system governing the National Statistical System and other secondary legislation.

4 – The Administration Board may delegate powers to one or more of its members or to staff members of Statistics Portugal, which may in turn sub-delegate these powers.

#### Article 8

##### **Internal organisation**

Statistics Portugal's internal organisation is laid down in the respective Statutory Laws.

#### Article 9

##### **Status of the members of the Administration Board**

The provisions laid down in the framework law of public institutions and, secondarily, the provisions of the statute of public manager shall apply to the members of the Administration Board.

#### Article 10

##### **Staff regime**

An individual employment contract shall be applicable to Statistics Portugal's staff.

#### Article 11

##### **Revenue**

- 1 – Statistics Portugal may possess revenue from appropriations envisaged in the State Budget.
- 2 – Statistics Portugal may also possess the following own revenue:
  - a) Proceeds from the sale of goods and services, within the scope of its tasks;
  - b) Any other income from its activity or assets;
  - c) Proceeds from penalties applied, following the conditions and percentages provided for in the law.
  - d) Any other revenue allocated to it by law, contract or other.
- 3 – Own revenue mentioned in the foregoing paragraph shall be allocated to expenditure incurred by Statistics Portugal during the implementation of the budget of the corresponding year. Unused balances may be carried over to the following year.

#### Article 12

##### **Expenditure**

Expenditure incurred by Statistics Portugal shall be the result of burdens and responsibilities related to its tasks and activities, and of the costs of maintaining the Statistical Council.

#### Article 13

##### **Creation of and participation in other entities**

- 1 – Statistics Portugal, pending authorisation from the respective responsible Ministry as well as from the Ministry of Finance, may create, participate in the creation of or acquire shareholdings in non-profit private organisations, and shall also ensure the continuity of the shareholdings it holds.
- 2 – Statistics Portugal may join or participate in similar institutions or bodies, either national or international.

#### Article 14

##### **Rules of procedure**

The rules of procedure of Statistics Portugal shall be forwarded to the respective responsible Minister and to the Minister of Finance for approval, pursuant to Article 41 (4) of Law No 3/2004 of 15 January, within 90 days as of the entry into force of this Decree-Law.

#### Article 15

##### **Repeal**

- 1 – Decree-Law No 280/89 of 23 August is hereby repealed.
- 2 – The provisions laid down in the foregoing paragraph do not prejudice the situations envisaged in Article 31 (2) to (5) and in Article 33 (5) of Decree-Law No 280/89 of 23 August, reworded by Decree-Law No 479/99 of 9 November.

#### Article 16

##### **Entry into force**

This Decree-Law enters into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month following its publication.