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Note from the Governor

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With the aim of improving the dissemination of the statistical information compiled within the scope of its responsibilities, the Banco de Portugal has introduced a number of changes in the information content of its Statistical Bulletin effective with the January 2005 issue now available on its website. I would like to call your attention to the Bulletin's Introductory Note where these changes are explained in detail.

The Statistical Bulletin of the Banco de Portugal has been published monthly since January 1995. In addition to the printed version, the Statistical Bulletin was made available beginning in October 2000 on the Banco de Portugal's website (www.bportugal.pt). Since then, the Banco de Portugal has ensured the regular publication of the Bulletin according to a pre-announced annual schedule, making it possible to have electronic access to the statistical data. In the course of the present year, a significant improvement is slated with the introduction of a new dissemination system of these statistics on its website.

As of the present month, the Banco de Portugal will also make available the Statistical Bulletin in a CD-ROM version. It will include not only the image file of the Bulletin (in pdf format), but also the electronic files of all statistical series of the Bulletin (in csv format). An important feature of this CD-ROM version, particularly relevant in terms of archive and data search, is the fact that each monthly issue will include the data published in all previous monthly issues of the same year.

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