

Notice Banco de Portugal No 1/2015, published by the Bank in use of the powers conferred on it by Article 23 (6) of Decree-Law No 157/2014 of 24 October, brought forward the implementation of the capital conservation buffer laid down in Article 138-D of the Legal Framework of Credit Institutions and Financial Companies approved by Decree-Law No 298/92 of 31 December, requiring the application of that capital buffer as of 1 January 2016.

Considering that under the current context of the single supervisory mechanism, capital decisions relating to credit institutions are taken and adopted for the euro area as a whole and that possible capital transactions arising from those decisions should be carried out chiefly with recourse to the market, it is of the utmost importance that national credit institutions operate under the same conditions as most institutions in the euro area.

Against this background, and considering recent developments in what regards the assumptions under which the aforementioned capital decisions are adopted, Banco de Portugal considers that bringing forward the implementation of the capital conservation buffer pursuant to Notice of Banco de Portugal No 1/2015 may jeopardise compliance with the abovementioned conditions. Therefore, the present Notice revokes the former Notice, implying that the entities within the scope of application of Notice No 1/2015 shall be subject to the transitional system established in Article 23 (1) to (4) of Decree-Law No 157/2014 of 24 October.