

Notice No. 6/2004

Considering that a significant amount of the irrevocable payment commitments to the Deposit Guarantee Fund provided for in paragraph 4 of Article 161 of the Legal Framework of Credit Institutions and Financial Companies, approved by Decree-Law no. 298/92 of 31 December, was guaranteed by a mercantile pledge of deposit certificates issued by Banco de Portugal, which were recently redeemed;

Considering that the deposit certificates given as a mercantile pledge to the said fund must comply with strict eligibility criteria, based on low risk and adequate liquidity;

Banco de Portugal, after hearing the Management Committee of the Fund, establishes the following:

1 – Paragraph 13 of Notice no. 11/94, published in a supplement to the Official Gazette, Series II of 29 December 1994, shall be reworded as follows:

«13.1 – The commitment envisaged in the foregoing paragraph shall be guaranteed by a pledge, in favour of the Fund, of negotiable securities in active secondary markets, with adequate liquidity and issued or guaranteed by the following entities:

- a) Central government of zone A countries;
- b) Central banks of zone A countries;
- c) European Communities;
- d) European Investment Bank;
- e) Bank for International Settlements;
- f) Multilateral development banks and their subsidiaries.

13.2 – At the request of the participating credit institution, duly warranted, the Fund may accept temporarily as pledge other debt securities, provided that they have adequate liquidity, are issued by low credit risk entities and are negotiated in active secondary markets.

13.3 – The concepts of zone A countries and multilateral development banks are those defined in paragraph 5 of Part I of the Annex to Notice no. 1/93.»

2 – This notice shall enter into force on 30 June 2005.

Lisbon, 20 December 2004. – The Governor, *Vítor Constâncio*.