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## Quarterly National Accounts – Flash Estimate

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2007**GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT UP BY 2.0% IN REAL TERMS IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2007 AND 1.9% IN 2007**

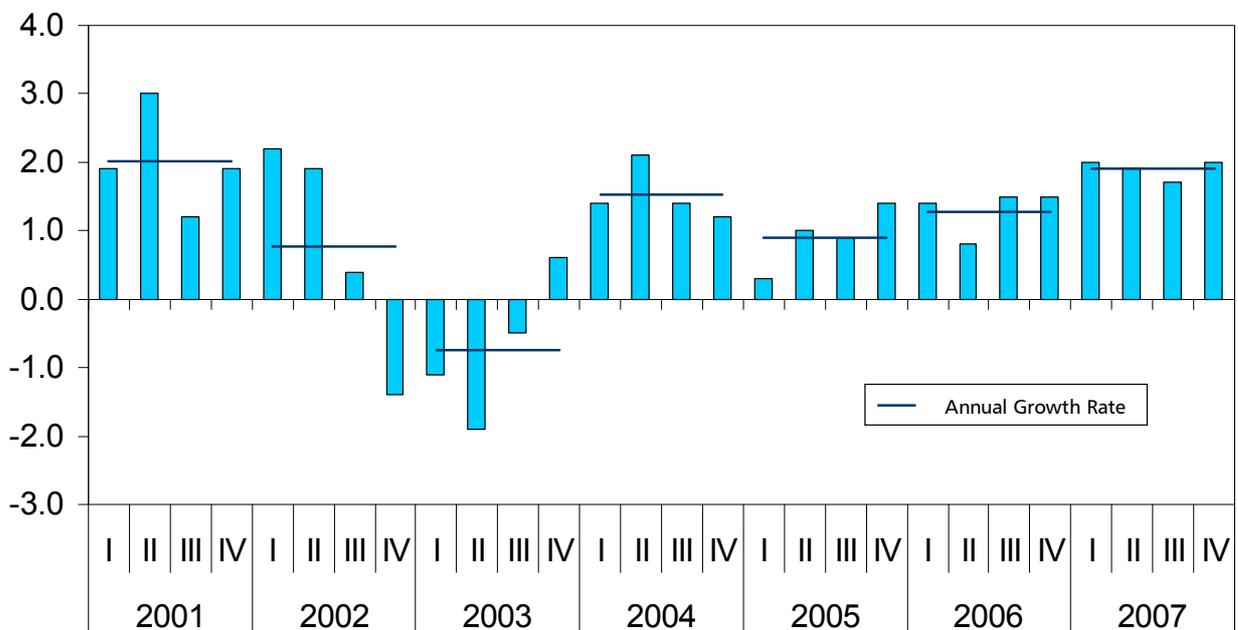
Portuguese Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew 2.0% in volume in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007, comparing to the same quarter of the previous year, accelerating from the previous quarter (1.7%). The first estimate for the quarter-on-quarter change rate on the Portuguese GDP points to an increase of 0.7%, also in real terms.

According to the preliminary estimate, Portuguese GDP was up by 1.9% in 2007, accelerating from the previous year (1.3%).

**Gross Domestic Product**

Chain-linked volume data (2000=100)

Year on year quarterly growth rate, %



The flash estimate of Portuguese GDP growth rate for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007 led to revisions in the previous quarters, reflecting the newest base information available. In this round, it should also be noted the integration of the results from definitive Annual National Accounts for 2005.

For the most recent quarters, the new information led to a downward revision of 0.1 percentage points in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of 2007.

### Gross Domestic Product

Chain linked volume data (2000=100)

	Year on Year Quarterly Growth Rate (%)								
	4Q 05	1Q 06	2Q 06	3Q 06	4Q 06	1Q 07	2Q 07	3Q 07	4Q 07
<b>Flash 4Q 2007</b>	1.4	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.9	1.7	2.0
<b>QNA 3Q 2007</b>	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.3	1.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	
<b>Flash 3Q 2007</b>	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.4	1.6	2.1	1.9	1.8	

	Quarter on Quarter Growth Rate (%)								
	4Q 05	1Q 06	2Q 06	3Q 06	4Q 06	1Q 07	2Q 07	3Q 07	4Q 07
<b>Flash 4Q 2007</b>	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.7	-0.1	0.7
<b>QNA 3Q 2007</b>	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.0	
<b>Flash 3Q 2007</b>	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.0	

Flash - Flash Estimate (45 days); QNA - Quarterly National Accounts (70 days)

### Gross Domestic Product

Chain linked volume data (2000=100)

	Annual Growth Rate (%)		
	2005	2006	2007
<b>Flash 4Q 2007</b>	0.9*	1.3	1.9
<b>QNA 3Q 2007</b>	0.7**	1.2	

Flash - Flash Estimate (45 days)

QNA - Quarterly National Accounts (70 days)

\* - definitive data; \*\* - preliminary data

2006-2007: preliminary data

### Next Press Release of Quarterly National Accounts

Current estimates of Quarterly National Accounts (detailed results) for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007 will be published 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

### **Methodological information about flash estimates**

Flash estimates for GDP constitutes the first synthetic indication on the quarterly behaviour for the Portuguese economy and does not replace the main estimates of Quarterly National Accounts (also designated as current estimates), more accurate and detailed, which will be published 70 days after the reference quarter.

These flash estimates are calculated using the same methodology, and preferably the same basic information, that Quarterly National Accounts current estimate. The percentage of basic information available for flash estimates is over 80%. Methods for imputation and forecasting are used in those cases where basic information is not complete, selected after a series of tests performed over a large sample. One must take into consideration that these flash estimates are eventually subject to larger revisions (when compared to current estimates), although the percentage of basic information available is high.

This press release only includes information on quarter-on-quarter and year-on-year quarterly growth rates in real terms.

In the real time tests carried out from 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 onwards, the mean absolute error for the flash estimate was 0.1 percentage points for both year-on-year quarterly growth rate and quarter-on-quarter growth rate, when compared to the current estimate.

Growth rates included in this press release are calculated from chain linked volume data (2000=100). Data are seasonally adjusted.