



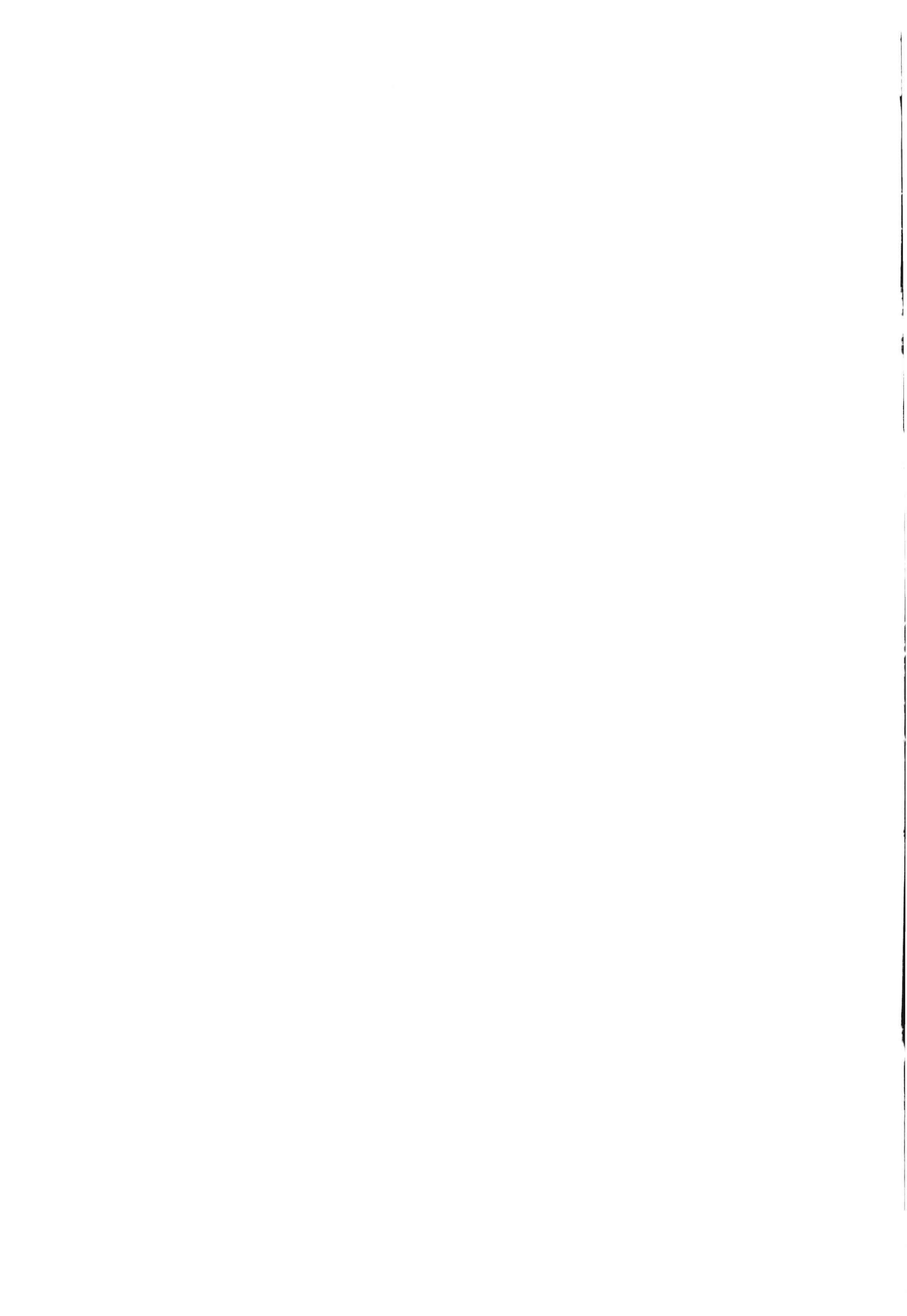
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Foreword

Productivity and Competitiveness Statistics – 2006 is the tenth issue of an annual report published by the Central Statistics Office. This publication presents data relating to the years 1986 to 2006, with the analysis focused on the ten - year period from 1996 to 2006.

Indices presented in this digest are computed based on the latest available data as at end of September 2007. The indices have been calculated using year 2000 as base. Figures for latest years are still provisional and are subject to revision in later issues.

The published data pertain to the total economy and to the Manufacturing sector. Within the Manufacturing sector, separate indices for establishments previously operating with an export certificate (Export Processing Zone - EPZ) sub-divided into Textile and Non-Textile manufacture are also given.

The concepts and definitions used for the computation of the various productivity and competitiveness statistics are described on pages 5 to 11.

It is hoped that the data presented will prove useful to a wide range of users, policy makers, planners as well as to the general public. The co-operation of all organizations, both public and private which have provided information for the preparation of this publication is gratefully acknowledged.

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