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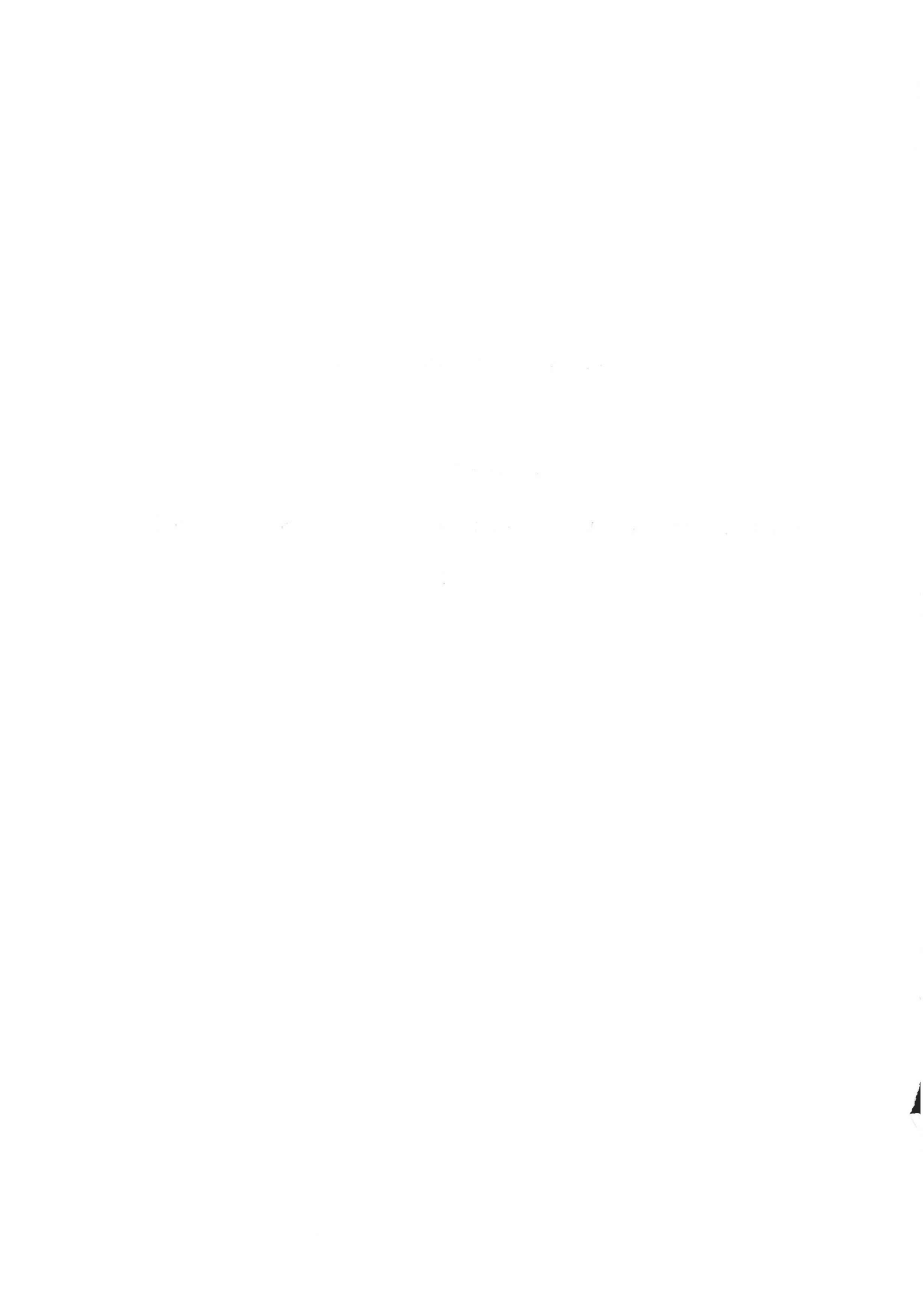
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Foreword

Productivity and Competitiveness Statistics – 2008 is the twelfth issue of an annual report published by the Central Statistics Office. This publication presents data relating to the years 1988 to 2008, with the analysis focused on the ten - year period from 1998 to 2008.

Indices presented in this digest are computed based on the latest available data as at end of March 2009. 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. Tables in section A – Total Economy, also include indices by industry group and some new economic productivity indicators based on the Ramsey Productivity Models. Within the Manufacturing sector, separate indices for Export Oriented Enterprises (consisting of all those enterprises, previously operating with an EPZ certificate, and those enterprises manufacturing goods for exports and holding a registration certificate issued by the Board of Investment) 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 13.

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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