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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <u>ALBANIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Live fowls (domestic and wild), fledglings (24 hour-old birds), decorative fowls (regardless of origin until a second order is issued), hatching eggs and eggs for human consumption, fowl semen, fowl meat, products originating from fowls destined for fowl and animal feed; for industrial and agricultural uses, and pathological material and biological products
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners, or <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Lao People's Democratic Republic
5.	Title of the notified document: Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection "On some protective measures against the outbreak of Avian Influenza (H5N1) (high pathogenic) disease in Lao People's Democratic Republic Language: Albanian Number of pages: 2
6.	Description of content: This Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection presents some protective measures against the outbreak of Avian Influenza (H5N1) disease in Lao People's Democratic Republic, Phongsaly region, stopping the import and transit of live fowls (domestic and wild), fledglings (24 hour-old birds), decorative fowls (regardless of origin until a second order is issued), hatching eggs and eggs for human consumption, fowl semen, fowl meat, products originating from fowls destined for fowl feed and animal feed; for industrial and agricultural uses, and pathological material and biological products from Lao People's Democratic Republic, Phongsaly region into the Albanian Territory.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests. The objective is to protect human and animal health by stopping the import and transit of live fowls (wild and domestic), hatching eggs and eggs for human consumption, fowl semen and fowl meat into the territory of Albania.
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: This Order is to protect human and animal health from Avian Influenza (H5N1) disease, stopping the import and transit of live fowls and their products into the Albanian territory.

9.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM N*</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Notifications taken by the World Organization for Animal Health, OIE, dated 26 February 2009 related to the outbreak of Avian Influenza (H5N1) disease in Lao People's Democratic Republic, Phongsaly region, based on the International Terrestrial Animal Health Code.</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 2 March 2009</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trading Facility measure</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>General Directorate of Standardization WTO Enquiry Point - Albania Tel: +(355 4) 222 62 55 Fax: +(355 4) 224 71 77 E-mail: info@dps.gov.al Website: http://www.dps.gov.al</p>