

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <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): All live animals of the ruminant family and any kind of herbivores susceptible to the blue tongue virus
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Noord-Brabant, Netherlands
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection "On some protective measures against the blue tongue disease outbreak in Noord-Brabant, Netherlands" (available in English, 2 pages)
6. Description of content: This Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection establishes some protective measures against the blue tongue disease outbreak in Noord-Brabant, Netherlands, stopping the import of all kinds of live animals of the ruminant family and any kind of herbivores susceptible to the blue tongue virus into the territory of Republic of Albania; semen of ruminants and any kind of herbivores; embryos/eggs of ruminants and any kind of herbivores; pathologic material and the biological products, originating from ruminants and of any kind of herbivores susceptible to the blue tongue virus.
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 animals health.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Protection of consumers and animals in the territory of Albania.
9. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Notifications taken from the World Organization for Animal Health, according to the Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 8 August 2007
12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13. Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: General Directorate of Standardization WTO Enquiry Point - Albania Tel: +(355 4) 22 62 55 Fax: +(355 4) 24 71 77 E-mail: info@dps.gov.al Website: http://www.dps.gov.al