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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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 animals, food products of animal origin, animal by-product, feed, veterinary medicinal products
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Law No. 10465, date 29.09.2011 "On Veterinary Service in the Republic of Albania" Language(s): Albanian (Translation of the Law in English is available) Number of pages: 69
6. Description of content: The purposes of this law are: <ol style="list-style-type: none">To protect and improve the health of terrestrial and aquatic animals.To establish the procedures for prevention, monitoring, diagnoses, treatment and eradication of animal diseases.To protect public health against zoonotic diseases transmitted from animals as well as from harmful residues in animal products used for human consumption.To ensure implementation of the sanitary-veterinary measures on the products of animal origin, produced at farm level, raw materials, pastures, water and drinking places for animals.To protect the reproduction health of animals and to ensure the increase of production as well as animal breeding.To protect the environment from infections, poisons, animal wastes and pollutions (biological, physical, chemical, radiobiological) with harmful consequences to animal and human health.To establish the procedures of training and information of the veterinarians, animal owners or keepers and the public on veterinary matters.To protect animals against torture and to provide their welfare.

9. To protect wild animals.
10. To ensure safe disposal of dead animals and their carcasses, confiscates, animal wastes and by-products not for human consumption.
11. To establish obligations of farmers, physical and legal persons, in implementation of this law.

This law has the following objectives:

1. Establishing the main principles for the protection of animal health and welfare in compliance with the international standards of the International Animal Health Organization (OIE) and of the European Union;
2. Arranging, organizing, financing of the Veterinary Service, definition of responsibilities, rules and procedures of the Veterinary Service in the protection of animal health and welfare;
3. Protection of the public health in the Republic of Albania from zoonotic diseases transmittable by animals, approximating the EU legislation.

This law has the following chapters:

Chapter I: General Provisions

Chapter II: Identification and registration of animals and livestock farms

Chapter III: Protection of animal health and control (based on EU Directive 92/119/EC)

Chapter IV: Animal Welfare (based on several EU Directives and Regulations such as Council Directive 98/58; Council Directive 86/609; Council Regulation 1099/2009; Council Regulation 1/2005)

Chapter V: Disposal of animal products not for human consumption and environment protection

Chapter VI: Monitoring plan of residues and medicated feed (based on EU Directive 96/22 and EU Directive 96/23)

Chapter VII: Veterinary Medicinal Products (based on EU Directive 2001/82).

Chapter VIII: Organization and performing of veterinary medicine practice

Chapter IX: State veterinary laboratories and veterinary professional education

Chapter X: Organization and competencies of the Veterinary Service

CHAPTER XI: Final dispositions

7. Objective and rationale: food safety, animal health, plant protection, protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, protect territory from other damage from pests.

8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:

Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)

<p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Approved by the Albanian Parliament on 29 September 2011</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Published in the Official Gazette No. 143, on 23 October 2011.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 7 November 2011; 15 days after publication in Official Gazette</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. 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>Directorate For Food safety and Consumer Protection SPS Enquiry Point – Albania Tel: +(355 4) 2 259 333 Fax: +(355 4) 2 259 333 E-mail: mbumk_sps@yahoo.com Website: http://www.mbumk.gov.al</p>