

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>ALBANIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection
3.	<b>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):</b> All live fowl (domestic and wild fowl), day-old poultry, decorative poultry, eggs, semen of live fowl, meat of the wild and domestic fowl, products originating from poultry
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Germany (Bavaria)
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Order of Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection "On some protective measures against the Avian Influenza outbreak in Germany (Bavaria)" (available in Albanian, 2 pages)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Order of Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection presents some protective measures against the avian influenza outbreak in Germany (Bavaria), stopping the import of all live fowl (wild and domestic fowl), day-old poultry, decorative poultry regardless of origin unless in the second order of the Ministry, eggs for hatching and for human consumption, semen of live fowl (wild and domestic fowl), meat of wild and domestic fowl and poultry products destined for poultry feed or for industrial and agricultural use to the territory of Republic of Albania. It stops the import of pathological materials and biological products of poultry that are not treated by thermal processes.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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 stop the import of all live fowl (domestic and wild fowl), day-old poultry, decorative poultry, eggs, sperm of live fowl, meat of the wild and domestic fowl, products originating from poultry from Germany to the territory of Albania.
8.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> This Order is to protect consumers stopping imports of live fowl.

<p><b>9. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> [ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [ X ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [ ] International Plant Protection Convention, [ ] None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Notifications taken from the World Organization for Animal Health, according to the International Terrestrial Animal Health Code.</p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 31 August 2007</p>
<p><b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> [ X ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> [ X ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point, or 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) 22 62 55 Fax: +(355 4) 24 71 77 E-mail: info@dps.gov.al Website: <a href="http://www.dps.gov.al">http://www.dps.gov.al</a></p>