

# 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 animals of the ruminant family and any kind of herbivores susceptible to the blue tongue virus
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Province of Suffolk, England
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection "On some protective measures against the outbreak of blue tongue virus in England" (available in Albanian, 2 pages)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection presents some protective measures against the outbreak of blue tongue virus in Suffolk province of England, stopping the import of all kind of live animals of the ruminant family and any kind of herbivores susceptible to the blue tongue virus from the Province of Suffolk in England to the territory of the Republic of Albania, stopping the import of 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 other kind of herbivores susceptible to the blue tongue virus.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input 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 animal health by stopping the export of the ruminant family and any kind of herbivores susceptible to the blue tongue virus from England (Province of Suffolk) to the territory of the Republic of Albania.
8.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Protection of animals in the territory of Albania.
9.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>

<b>10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Notifications taken from the World Organization for Animal Health, dated 27 September 2007, related to the outbreak of blue tongue virus in England (Suffolk Province), based on the International Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Law "On Service and Veterinary Inspection" No 9038 dated 4 November 2004.
<b>11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 8 October 2007
<b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:
<b>13. Texts available from:</b> <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: <a href="http://www.dps.gov.al">http://www.dps.gov.al</a>