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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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 fowl (domestic and wild fowl), day-old poultry, decorative poultry, eggs, semen of live fowl, meat of wild and domestic fowl, products originating from poultry
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: District of Regina in Saskatchewan Province, Canada
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 outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H7N3) in Canada" (available in Albanian, 2 pages)
6.	Description of content: This Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection presents some protective measures against the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H7N3) in Canada , stopping the import and transit from the district of Regina in Saskatchewan Province (Canada) to the territory of the Republic of Albania of all kind of 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 uses. It stops the import of pathological materials and biological products of poultry that are not treated with thermal processes.
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests The objective is to stop the import of live fowl (wild and domestic fowl), day-old poultry, etc. from Canada to the territory of Albania.
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: This Order is to protect consumers, stopping imports of live fowl.

9. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <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 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 dated 28 September 2007 related to the outbreak of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H7N3) in district of Regina in Saskatchewan Province, Canada, based on the International Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Law "On Service and Veterinary Inspection" No 9038 dated 4 November.2004.
11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 8 October 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