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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Labelling of food products offered to the last consumer and to the restaurants, hospitals, canteens, etc.
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Decree of Council of Ministers on approval of the Regulation "For the labelling of the food products", (28 pages, in Albanian).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This draft Decree of Council of Ministers provides the regulation for the labelling of the food products. The main aim of this regulation is to increase the safety and to discipline the appearance of the food products labelling and also to prevent the falsified products in the food industry. There are clauses which deal with the declaration of the ingredients, name of product, quantity declaration of the ingredients and minimum deadline durability, etc.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> The approval of control for labels and the shapes of the food product labelling produced in Albania as well as controls the labelling of the imported food products placed in Albanian market.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> The Directives 89/396/EEC, 90/496/EEC, 94/54/EC, 96/21/EC, 1999/10/EC, 2000/13/EC, 2001/101/EC, 2002/67/EC, 2003/89/EC, 2003/120/EC, 2004/77/EC and the Commission Regulation (EC) No.608/2004.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 15 August 2006 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 14 October 2006
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat

**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:**

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