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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. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Environment, Forests and Administration of Water 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:
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Environmental noise
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Law of Council of Ministers on approval of the Regulation "On the Assessment and Management of Environmental Noise" (14 pages, in Albanian).
6. Description of content: This draft Law of the Council of Ministers provides the regulation for environmental noise, which the people are exposed to in their environment, to the noise from transport, construction and military activities etc. Each noise that passes the noise level limit is of risk to human health and the environment. Urban development, construction and transport activities of the last 15 years have caused a significant increase in the level of environmental noise.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Improvement of the quality of the environment and public health.
8. Relevant documents: This draft law transposes the Directive 2002/49/EC
9. Proposed date of adoption: 22 January 2007 Proposed date of entry into force: 21 March 2007
10. Final date for comments: 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: 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