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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. Notifying Member: <u>ALBANIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Consumer Protection. Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: National Enquiry Point.
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Decision of Council of Ministers "On the marketing and certification requirements of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants" (31 pages, available in Albanian language).
6. Description of content: The aim of this draft decision is to determine the criteria for marketing of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants, for the categories, the identity and their quality, packaging and labelling rules and procedures of certification criteria.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: This draft decision shall apply to the genera and species listed in Annex 1 as well as to their hybrids. The procedures for the certification of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants will start in April 2013.
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Albanian Law No. 10416, date 07.04.2011 "On the plant genetic material", the art.4, paragraph 9; art. 14, paragraph 3; art. 15, paragraph 3 and art. 16, paragraph 4.- Council Directive 2008/90/EC of 29 September 2008 "On the marketing of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants intended for fruit production".- Commission Decision of 15 December 2010 amending Council Directive 2008/90/EC to extend the derogation relating to import conditions for fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants intended for fruit production from third countries.

9.	Proposed date of adoption:	December 2012
	Proposed date of entry into force:	February 2013
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat	
11.	Text 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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