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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>Notifying Member:</b> <u>ALBANIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 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, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b> National Enquiry Point
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> Beet seeds
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Decision of Council of Ministers On the Criteria of Marketing, Certification and Testing of Beet Seed (25 pages, in Albanian language)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This draft Decision aims to achieve the following objectives: production control for the marketing of beet seed certified; providing for increased use of beet seed quality and modern standards; support to increase productivity and production of sugar beet and fodder beet, etc.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> This draft decision deals with the beet seed should be allowed to be marketed only if it has been officially examined and certified, in accordance with the rules for certification, as basic seed or certified seed.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Albanian Law No. 10416, date 07.04.2011 "On the Plant Genetic Material", art. 4, 14, 15, 16 and 33;</li><li>Council Directive 2002/54/EC of 13 June 2002 "On the Marketing of Beet Seed".</li></ul>
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> September 2013 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> November 2013
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 and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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