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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <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): Meat, unprocessed milk
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: China
5.	Title of the notified document: Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection "On some protective measures against the outbreak of Epizootic Aphtha disease in China" Language: Albanian Number of pages: 2
6.	Description of content: This Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection provides some protection measures against the outbreak of Epizootic Aphtha disease (Foot and Mouth disease) in China, Xinjiang and Hubei regions, stopping the import of live animals as cattle, pigs, sheep and goats, and stopping the import of meat and not processed milk from China, Xinjiang and Hubei regions to the territory of Albania. The processed meat and milk products have the entry permission to the territory of Albania when they fulfil the following conditions: (a) to be originated from non-affected area by Epizootic Aphtha disease; (b) to be processed only from factories designated and allowed to export; (c) the manufacture technology conditions have the capability to destroy the Epizootic Aphtha virus. The Veterinary Certificate of China guarantees their origin and confirms the above mentioned conditions (a), (b) and (c) of this Order. The measures also consist in stopping the import of animal feeding products that contain products from animal origin; stopping the import of biological materials from China, Xinjiang and Hubei regions to the territory of Albania.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests. The objective is to protect human and animal health in the territory of Albania from the Epizootic Aphtha disease outbreak in China.
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: This Order aims to protect the consumers and animal health from the harmful disease of Epizootic Aphtha, appeared in China.

9.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM N°</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Notifications taken from the World Organization for Animal Health, dated 22 January 2009 for the harmful disease of Epizootic Aphtha, appeared in China, according to the International Terrestrial Animal Health Code.</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 28 February 2009</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>General Directorate of Standardization WTO Enquiry Point - Albania Tel: +(355 4) 222 62 55 Fax: +(355 4) 224 71 77 E-mail: info@dps.gov.al Website: http://www.dps.gov.al</p>