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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Original: English

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	**Notifying Member:** ALBANIA **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):** Live animals, herbivores, ruminants, embryos, biological products, pathological materials
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[ ] All trading partners, or** **[X] Specific regions or countries:** Norway
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection "On some protective measures against the outbreak of Blue tongue disease in Norway **Language:** Albanian **Number of pages:** 2
6.	**Description of content:** This Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection contents some protective measures against the outbreak of Blue tongue disease in Norway, region Vest-Agder as stopping the import and transit from Norway, region Vest-Agder, into the Albanian territory of live animals like ruminants, and all kind of herbivores infected by Blue tongue disease; stopping the import from Norway, region Vest-Agder into Albanian territory of semen and embryos of ruminants and of all kind of herbivores; pathological material and biological products originated from ruminants and all kind of herbivores that are infected by Blue tongue virus.
7.	**Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.** The objective is to protect human and animal health in the territory of Albania from the outbreak of Blue tongue in Norway, region Vest-Agder.
8.	**Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** This Order aims to protect the consumers and animals from the harmful disease of Blue tongue appeared in Norway, region Vest-Agder.

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9.	**Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:** **[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*** **[X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*** **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM N°)*** **[ ] None** **Does this proposed regulation conform to the revelant international standard?** **[X] Yes [ ] No** **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**
10.	**Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Notifications taken from the World Organization for Animal Health, dated 20 February 2009, according to the International Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
11.	**Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):** 27 February 2009 **[ ] Trading Facility measure**
12.	**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**
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