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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): All live pigs (domestic and wild)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [] All trading partners, or [X] Specific regions or countries: Canada
5.	Title of the notified document: Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection "On some protective measures against the swine influenza A/H1N1 outbreak in Canada" Language: Albanian Number of pages: 2
6.	Description of content: This Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection presents some protective measures against the swine influenza A/H1N1 outbreak in Canada (Alberta province), stopping the importation and transit of all live pigs (wild and domestic) from Canada (Alberta province) into the territory of Albania. Stopping the importation of semen and fresh meat of domestic and wild pigs; products originating from pigs destined for animal feed or for agricultural and industrial uses, and pathological material and biological pig products that are not submitted to a process that destroys the virus A/H1N1 from Canada (Alberta province) into Albanian territory.
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 stop the importation and transit of all live pigs (domestic and wild), fresh meat of domestic and wild pigs, etc from Canada (Alberta province) into the territory of Albania.
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The outbreak of swine influenza A/H1N1 in Canada (Alberta province).

<p>9.</p>	<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 type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Notifications taken from the World Organization for Animal Health, according to the International Terrestrial Animal Health Code.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 7 May 2009</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trading Facility measure</p>
<p>12.</p>	<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>
<p>13.</p>	<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>