



**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>ALBANIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Management
<b>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):</b> Live animals (cattle), fresh meat of cattle, semen of cattle, pathologic materials and biological materials from cattle
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Management "On some protective measures against Lumpy Skin Disease" <b>Language(s):</b> Albanian <b>Number of pages:</b> 2
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Management provides some protective measures against the outbreak of Lumpy Skin disease in the regions identified in point 4: – ban on imports of all live animals (cattle) and fresh meat, semen of cattle, pathologic materials and biological materials from cattle and from the territories described in point 4, to the Albanian territory; – ban on imports of fresh cattle meat and their products from the territories described in point 4, to the Albanian territory.  The veterinary certificate should guarantee their origin. The measures also consist of: – a ban on imports of animal feeding products that contain products from animal origin; – a ban on imports of unsterile biological materials from cattle from the territories described in point 4, to the Albanian territory.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input 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 animal health in Albania against Lumpy Skin disease outbreak into the territories described in point 4.
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> This Order is to protect animal health from Lumpy Skin disease by banning the import and transit of live cattle animals, and their products.

9.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</b> Chapter number 2.4.13, 2016 "Lumpy Skin Disease"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <p>Relevant notifications submitted by various countries to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 23 June 2016 related to the outbreak of Lumpy Skin disease in Bulgaria;</li> <li>- 1 July 2016 related to the outbreak of Lumpy Skin disease in Serbia;</li> <li>- 2 July 2016 related to the outbreak of Lumpy Skin disease in Greece.</li> </ul> <p>According to the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code and according to Council Directive 82/894/EEC of 21 December 1982 on the notification of animal diseases within the Community (<a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1440161805934&amp;uri=CELEX:01982L0894-20130101">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1440161805934&amp;uri=CELEX:01982L0894-20130101</a>), Lumpy Skin disease is a notifiable disease.</p>
11.	<p><b>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 8 July 2016</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>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:</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) 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:</b></p> <p>General Directory of Agriculture Services and Fishery SPS Enquiry Point - Albania Tel: +(355 4) 2 259 333 Fax: +(355 4) 2 259 333 E-mail: mbumk_sps@yahoo.com Website: <a href="http://www.bujqesia.gov.al">http://www.bujqesia.gov.al</a></p>