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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<p><b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>ALBANIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b></p>
<p><b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Management</p>
<p><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 (all ruminants and herbivores affected by the bluetongue disease), semen, embryos and ova of all ruminants and herbivores affected by bluetongue disease</p>
<p><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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>France, in the regions of: Allier, Creuse, Cher, Nièvre, Saône-Et-Loire, Cantal, Indre, Loire, Loiret, Corrèze, Aveyron, Cher, Lozère, Haute-Loire, Yonne, Isère, Haute-Vienne, Dordogne, Lot, Vienne, Charente-Maritime, Gironde, Rhône, Puy-de-Dôme, Ariège, Haute-Savoie, Doubs, Haute-Marne, Côte-d'Or, Hautes-Pyrénées, Ain, Doubs, Haute-Garonne, Meuse, Jura, Vosges, Ardèche, Savoie;</li><li>Italy, in the regions of: Veneto, Trento;</li><li>Croatia, in the regions of: Sibensko-Kninska, Dubrovacko-Neretvanska, Licko-Senjska, Karlovacka, Sisacko-Moslavacka, Istarska, Osijecko-Baranjska;</li><li>Serbia, in the region of: Srbija; and</li><li>Cyprus, in the regions of: Larnaca, Lefkosia, Ammochostos.</li></ol>
<p><b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Management "On some protective measures against the Bluetongue disease in France, Italy, Croatia, Serbia and Cyprus". <b>Language(s):</b> Albanian. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2</p>
<p><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 bluetongue disease in the regions indicated in point 4. A ban has been placed on the imports of all ruminants and herbivores as well as semen, embryos and ova of all ruminants and herbivores affected by bluetongue disease, from the territories described in point 4, to the Albanian territory. In addition, the veterinary certificate should guarantee their origin. The measures also consist in stopping the import of unsterile biological materials originating from all ruminants and herbivores affected by bluetongue disease in the territories described in point 4, to the Albanian territory.</p>
<p><b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests. The objective is to protect animal health in the territory of Albania against the bluetongue disease outbreak into the territories described in point 4.</p>

<b>8.</b>	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> This Order is to protect animal health against bluetongue disease, by banning the import and transit of all ruminants and herbivores as well as semen, embryos and ova of all ruminants and herbivores affected by bluetongue disease.
<b>9.</b>	<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 8.3 "Bluetongue 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>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Notifications submitted to the World Organization for Animal Health, OIE, related to the outbreak of bluetongue disease in France (11 November 2016), Italy (14 November 2016), Croatia (10 November 2016), Serbia (7 November 2016), and Cyprus (6 November 2016) according to the Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 17 November 2016</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>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>