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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**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 poultry, semen, embryos, ova & by-products of poultry affected by Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N8
<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"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b> The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, in the region of Struga
<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 disease Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N8 in Macedonia". <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 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N8 disease in the regions indicated in point 4. A ban has been placed on the imports of all live poultry, semen, embryos, ova & by-products of poultry affected by Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N8, 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 live poultry, semen, embryos, ova & by-products of poultry affected by Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N8 in 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 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 & human health in the territory of Albania against the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N8 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 & human health against Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N8 disease, by banning the import and transit of all live poultry, semen, embryos, ova & by-products of poultry affected by Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N8.

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 10.4</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>          Notifications submitted to the World Organization for Animal Health, OIE, related to the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N8 disease outbreak in Macedonia (30 January 2017), according to the Terrestrial Animal Health Code.</p>
11.	<p><b>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b>          6 January 2017</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>