NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Albania  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Tourism and Environment  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** National Enquiry Point |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Integrated Waste |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft-law of the Council of Ministers on some amendments to Law No. 10463 of 22.09.2011 "For the integrated waste management", as amended. |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft-law guarantees the protection of the environment and human health from the consequences of using plastic carrying bags, reducing the amount of plastic thrown around in the environment, which will reduce the costs of waste management and minimize the potential adverse environmental and human health impacts. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The objective of this draft-law is to ban the use of plastic carrying bags with the aim that after 1 June 2020, there will not be produced, imported nor used plastic carrying bags, making Albania the first country in Europe to be implementing such a measure. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * DCM no. 232, of 26.04.2018 * Law no. 10463 of 22.09.2011 "For the integrated waste management" * Law no. 10431, of 09.06.2011 "On the environmental protection" |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Not decided yet  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 June 2020 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  General Directorate of Standardization WTO Enquiry Point - Albania Tel.: +355 42 22 62 55 Fax: +355 42 24 71 77 E-mail: [info@dps.gov.al](mailto:info@dps.gov.al) <http://www.dps.gov.al> |