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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: ALBANIA

If applicable, name of local government involved:

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

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): Plants and plant products, plant reproductive material, wild plants and mushrooms

4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:

All trading partners

Specific regions or countries:

5. Title of the notified document: On detailed rules for organic plant production and plant products, plant reproductive material, wild plant collection, and mushroom production. **Language(s):** Albanian. **Number of pages:** 13

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/ALB/26_00742_00_x.pdf

6. Description of content: This draft Instruction of Minister aims to establish detailed rules for:

- organic production of plants and plant products, including plant reproductive material;
- conversion of plant production to organic production;
- derogations from the rules on organic plant production;
- organic mushroom production;
- organic wild plant collection.

This draft lays down the general requirements to be applied to organic plant production, prohibitions, and some derogations and detailed rules on conversion, origin of plants including plant reproductive material, use of in-conversion and non-organic plant reproductive material, rules on soil management and fertilization, pest and weed management and products used for cleaning and disinfection.

Regarding the derogations from production rules, it is established the procedure on granting the derogations or authorization by control body for operators under their control system, for using the in-conversion or non-organic plant reproductive material.

In addition, the detailed rules for specific plants and plant products such as rules on mushroom production and the collection of wild plants are defined.

7. Objective and rationale: **food safety**, **animal health**, **plant protection**, **protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease**, **protect territory from other damage from pests**.

8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:

Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

Yes No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):** 1 April 2026

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2026

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2026

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12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 April 2026

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