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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>ALBANIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Management
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): Propagating material and saplings of ornamental plants
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Draft Decision of Council of Ministers "On determination of the requirements for the marketing and the certification of the planting and the propagating material of ornamental plants" Language(s): Albanian Number of pages: 30
6. Description of content: This Draft Decision of Council of Ministers establishes the rules on the production and marketing of propagating material and seedlings of ornamental plants, determines the requirements for the suppliers, for packaging and labelling as well as the requirements on certification procedures. The objective of this Draft Decision is to improve the standards of production and marketing of propagating material and seedlings of ornamental plants related to identity, purity from harmful organisms and diseases. Also it regulates the relationship between the suppliers, public and private monitoring and certifying bodies and users. This Draft Decision of Council of Ministers has the following chapters: – Chapter I: Provides the aim of this decision; – Chapter II: Provides the requirements to be met by propagating material and saplings of ornamental plants in order to be marketed; – Chapter III: Provides the requirements to be met by the suppliers of propagating material and saplings of ornamental plants (producers, packers and traders); – Chapter IV: Provides the requirements to be met for the certification of propagating material and saplings of ornamental plants as well as the procedures and documentation needed to obtain the certification; – Chapter V: Final dispositions; and – ANNEXES 1 ÷ 4.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>) ISPM 36</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: This Draft Decision of Council of Ministers approximates the Council Directive 98/56/EC, of 20 July 1998 on the marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants.</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): June 2016</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): After publication in the Official Gazette.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 12 June 2016</p> <p>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:</p>
13.	<p>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:</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: http://www.bujqesia.gov.al</p>