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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 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, plant products and other objects, plant protection products
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: Law 15/2022 "On some additions and changes of Law No. 105/2016 "On plant protection"" as amended. Language(s): Albanian. Number of pages: 7 https://qbz.gov.al/eli/ligj/2022/02/03/15/a19ce837-5ba2-47f3-83ae-7e7e043289c4;q=ligji%20105%2F2016 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/ALB/24_04610_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: Law 105/2016 "On Plant Protection" has two main pillars, plant health and plant protection products. The amendments regulate only issues related to plant health. This law makes some legal adjustments, making it possible to fully or partially align the EU <i>Aquis</i> in this area through the by-laws in its implementation. Based also on the fact that since 14 December 2019, new EU legislation in this field came into force, with substantial changes from the previous legislation. On the other hand, during the practice of implementing the law, it was found that the law needs some legal adjustments related to the lack of space to issue by-laws, adjustments which become urgent after the changes that the European legislation underwent at the end of 2019. The approval of this law makes possible for the first time the registration of professional operators who have activity within the territory of Albania in relation to plants, plant products and other objects. It makes it possible to complete the legal framework for the implementation of the Plant Passport.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 3 February 2022</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 March 2022</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 March 2022</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development General Directorate in the Field of Food Safety, Veterinary, Plant Protection and Fishery Tel: +(355) 4 2226 911 E-mail: info@bujqesia.gov.al Website: http://www.bujqesia.gov.al</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input 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>Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development General Directorate in the Field of Food Safety, Veterinary, Plant Protection and Fishery SPS Enquiry Point- Albania Tel: +(355) 4 2226 911 E-mail: info@bujqesia.gov.al blerina.luke@bujqesia.gov.al Website: http://www.bujqesia.gov.al</p>