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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<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 and Rural Development
<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 animals
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Law "On Animal Health". <b>Language(s):</b> Albanian. <b>Number of pages:</b> 210 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/ALB/24_04975_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/ALB/24_04975_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This law defines the rules for the prevention and control of animal diseases that are transmissible to animals or humans.  This law aims to determine: (a) the organization according to the priorities of the classification of diseases and the definition of responsibilities in the field of animal health (Part I: Articles 1 to 17); (b) timely detection, notification and reporting of diseases, surveillance, eradication programs and disease-free status (Part II: Articles 18 to 42); (c) awareness, preparation and disease control (Part III: Articles 43 to 83); (d) registration and approval of establishments and transporters, movements and traceability of animals, reproductive material and products of animal origin within the territory of Albania (Part IV: Articles 84 to 228; and Part VI: Articles 244 to 248 and 251 to 255); (e) the entry of animals, reproductive material and products of animal origin into Albania and their export from Albania (Part V: Articles 229 to 243; and Part VI: Articles 244 to 246 and 251 to 255); (f) movements for non-commercial purposes of companion animals entering or leaving the country, from another country or its territory (Part VI: Articles 244 to 255); (g) emergency measures to be taken in the event of an emergency situation relating to a disease (Part VII: Articles 256 to 261).  Draft Law "On Animal Health Law" is approximated with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law').
<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 type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

<p><b>8. 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> Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Volume I and Volume II</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>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 6 January 2027</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 6 January 2025</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 January 2027</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 October 2024</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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: <a href="mailto:info@bujqesia.gov.al">info@bujqesia.gov.al</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.bujqesia.gov.al">http://www.bujqesia.gov.al</a></p>
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