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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <u>ALBANIA</u>
	If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection
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): Live animals (domestic and wild ruminants, pigs), meat, processed meat, milk
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[] All trading partners
	[X] Specific regions or countries: District San Pedro (Paraguay)
5.	Title of the notified document: Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection "On some protective measures against Foot and Mouth Disease in District San Pedro of Paraguay Language(s): Albanian Number of pages: 2
6.	Description of content: This Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection provides some protective measures against the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in District San Pedro (Paraguay). Stopping the import of all live animals (domestic and wild) like cattle, pigs, sheep and goats; stopping the import of meat and products of the above-mentioned animals and milk from the territory of District San Pedro (Paraguay) to the Albanian territory. The veterinary certificate should guarantee their origin. The measures also consist in stopping the import of animal feeding products that content products from animal origin; stopping the import of not sterile biological materials from the territory of District San Pedro (Paraguay) to the Albanian territory.
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests. The objective is to protect human and animal health in the territory of Albania against foot and mouth disease outbreak into the territory of District San Pedro (Paraguay).
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: This Order is to protect human and animal health from foot and mouth disease, stopping the import and transit of live animals and their products.
9.	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)

- [X] 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:

- **10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Notifications taken by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) dated 18 September 2011, Reference No. 11022, related to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in District San Pedro (Paraguay) and according to the International Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
- **11. Date of entry into force** (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable): 26 September 2011

[] Trade facilitating measure

- 12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
- **13.** Texts available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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