NOTIFICATION

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| **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, plant products and other objects |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[X] All trading partners**  **[ ] Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Order of Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 113, dated 15 March 2022 "On the approval of the regulation "For protective measures against plant pests"". **Language(s):** Albanian. **Number of pages:** 288  <https://qbz.gov.al/eli/urdher/2022/03/15/113/45ed498d-c4db-4cb5-8400-02f3c0b059ed>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/ALB/24_04599_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The purpose of this regulation is to prevent the entry and spread of quarantine pests and non-quarantine pests in the territory of Albania, to ensure the best possible protection of plants, plant products and other objects that are the object of phytosanitary control. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] 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)*:**  **[X] 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)*:** 15 March 2022  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 April 2022 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 April 2022  **[X] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  General Directorate in the Field of Food Safety, Veterinary, Plant Protection and Fishery  Tel: +(355) 4 2226 911  E-mail: [info@bujqesia.gov.al](mailto:info@bujqesia.gov.al)  Website: <http://www.bujqesia.gov.al> |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  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](mailto:info@bujqesia.gov.al)  [blerina.luke@bujqesia.gov.al](mailto:blerina.luke@bujqesia.gov.al)  Website: <http://www.bujqesia.gov.al> |