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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 13

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| **1.** | **Party to the Agreement notifying:** Republic of Albania |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Consumer Protection.  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available) of** **agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** National Enquiry Point. |
| **3.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable)**: Vegetable seeds. |
| **4.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Decision of Council of Ministers “On the marketing and certification requirements of vegetable seeds” (31 pages, available in Albanian language). |
| **5.** | **Description of content:** The aim of this draft decision is to determine the criteria for the marketing of the vegetable seeds, for the categories, and the quality of their identity, packaging and labelling rules as well the procedures of certification criteria. |
| **6.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:**  The adoption of this draft decision will make possible improving the quality of vegetable seeds. Also, the production of the vegetable seeds in some areas of the country will be extended throughout the year. |
| **7.** | Relevant documents:   * Albanian Law No. 10416, date 07.04.2011 “On the plant genetic material”, art. 4, paragraph 9; art. 14, paragraph 3; art. 15, paragraph 3 and art. 16, paragraph 4. * Council Directive 2002/55/EEC of 13 June 2002 “On the marketing of vegetable seed”. |
| **8.** | **Proposed date of adoption**: January 2013.  **Proposed date of entry into force:** March 2013. |
| **9.** | **Final date for comments**: 60 days after the date of notification |
| **10.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** X **] or address, telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available, of other body:**  General Directorate of Standardization  WTO Enquiry Point - ALBANIA  Tel. + 355 42 22 62 55  Fax. + 355 42 24 71 77  E-mail:dervishi.a@dps.gov.al  http://www.dps.gov.al |