NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Albania  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Health and Social Protection  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [ ],** **5.6.2 [ ],** **5.7.1 [ ],** **other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Tobacco products |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Law of Council of Ministers "On some amendments and additions to law no. 9636, date 6.11.2006 "On health protection from tobacco products (as amended)" (4 page(s), in Albanian) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft law contains regulations regarding the specifications of tobacco definitions; obligations of producers and/or importers of tobacco products; banning the sale of the packs with a reduced number of cigarettes; prohibition of indirect promotion; banning the use of electronic cigarettes and shisha indoors; the penalties in case of non-correct implementation of law. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** This draft law aims to protect overall health from tobacco products and to improve the process of monitoring in the Republic of Albania regarding this issue by strengthening the monitoring role of the Inspectorate responsible for Health, towards the implementation of the respective law. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Directive 2014/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products * Law no. 9636, date 6.11.2006 "On health protection from tobacco products (as amended)" |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Not decided yet  **Proposed date of entry into force:** Not decided yet |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website 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: [info@dps.gov.al](mailto:info@dps.gov.al)  <http://www.dps.gov.al> |