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**European Union
Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance
On Rural Development - IPARD**

NOTICE

Concerning the second call of IPARD II program, which is open from 30 October 2019 to 16 December 2019, we inform you that:

- The minimum category permitted for tractor engines shall be IIIA for engines below 37 kW and at least IIIB for engines with power greater or equal to 37 kW.

All tractor investments must meet the standards referred to below legal basis:

- Commission Regulation (EU) No. 985 of 12 February 2018, supplementing Regulation (EU) No. 167/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning environmental requirements for agricultural and forestry vehicles and their engines and repealing Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/96;
- Regulation (EU) 2016/1628 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 on requirements concerning the emission limits of gaseous and polluting particles and type-approval for internal combustion engines for off-road moving machinery, amending Regulations (EU) No 1024/2012 and (EU) No 167/2013, and amending and repealing Directive 97/68 / EC;
- Law no. 37/2015 On the Ratification of the Framework Agreement between the Republic of Albania, represented by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania, and the European Commission on the Rules for Implementing EU Financial Assistance to Albania, under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II);
- Sectoral Agreement between the Republic of Albania represented by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania and the European Commission laying down the provisions for the management and implementation of EU financial assistance for Republic of Albania under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance in the field "Agriculture and Rural Development" (IPARD);
- Environmental legislation including multilateral environmental agreements, as well as internationally recognized basic labor standards.