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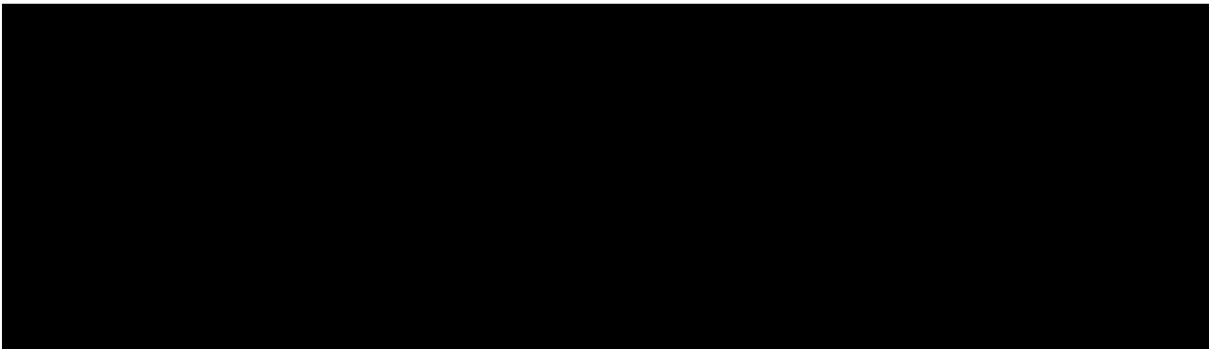
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1. There are three categories of ration cards in Albania. The first category is for persons whose wages exceed 4,000 leks per month or who do heavy work such as mining. A person with the first category ration card is eligible to receive the following items:

- 500 grams of bread daily at 8 leks per kilogram;
- 600 grams of olive oil per month at 50 leks per kilogram;
- 1,600 grams of sugar per month at 40 leks per kilogram;
- 1,000 grams per month of items such as macaroni at 21 leks per kilogram;
- 400 grams of cheese per month at 28 to 40 leks per kilogram;
- 1,500 grams of meat per month at 45 to 48 leks per kilogram;
- 500 grams of salt per month at 10 leks per kilogram;
- 6 eggs per month at 5 leks each; and
- 250 grams of soap per month at 48 leks per kilogram

2. The second category of ration card is for government workers receiving less than 4,000 leks per month or to workers whose jobs do not involve strenuous activity. A second category ration card entitles the holder to the following rations at the same price as the first category worker:

- 600 grams of bread per month (sic);
- 400 grams of olive oil per month;
- 400 grams of sugar per month;
- 800 grams of macaroni per month;
- 250 grams of cheese per month;
- 250 grams of meat per month;
- 500 grams of salt per month;
- 4 eggs per month; and
- 250 grams of soap per month.

3. Third category ration cards are given to unemployed persons and members of the families of those in the higher categories. The holder of a third

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category ration card receives the following items at the same prices as apply to the first two categories:

400 grams of bread daily;
 200 grams of olive oil per month;
 600 grams of macaroni per month;
 250 grams of sugar per month;
 750 (sic) grams of meat per month;
 500 grams of salt per month; and
 150 grams of soap per month.

No cheese or eggs are included in the third category ration.

4. Informant reports the following prices for articles on the market:

Wheat, 200 leks per kilogram;
 Corn, 180 leks per kilogram;
 Cheese, 350 to 450 leks per kilogram;
 Meat, 120 leks per kilogram;
 Sugar, 250 leks per kilogram;
 Coffee, 1,600 leks per kilogram;
 Eggs, 12 leks each; and
 Soap, 150 leks per kilogram.

5. Italian or Czech cloth costs 300 leks per meter; therefore about 1,000 leks are needed to buy a suit of clothes. A pair of heavy shoes costs 2,000 leks.

6. Consumer cooperatives exchange various items such as food and cloth for produce. For barter purposes, the cooperatives compute the value of items of produce as follows:

Butter (per kilogram)	=	120 leks
Beans (per kilogram)	=	12 leks
Pressed grapes (per kilogram)	=	50 to 60 leks
Chicken (per kilogram)	=	30 to 35 leks
One egg	=	2 leks

7. The cooperatives compute the value of the items in their stock as follows:

Sugar (per kilogram)	=	1,200 (sic) leks
Salt (per kilogram)	=	10 leks
Cloth (per meter)	=	1,200 to 1,300 leks
Shoes (per pair)	=	1,200 leks
Stockings (per pair)	=	60 leks

8. After a person has surrendered his produce to the cooperative, he cannot choose the items he wants, but must accept articles from the following categories of the cooperative's stock:

30 per cent food items
 40 per cent cloth
 30 per cent of various other items

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