

# **THE IMPLEMENTING DIRECTIVE AND THE TECHNICAL CRITERIA FOR THE IMPORTS OF BREEDING BOVINE ANIMALS**

## **A. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1-** Breeding bovine animals (buffaloes included) can be imported from countries with which health certificate agreements are made and are approved by the Ministry. The list of eligible countries for import shall be published on the Ministry's website.

**2-** Breeding bovine animals (buffaloes included) to be imported shall comply with the health and technical criteria determined by the Ministry. The list of veterinary health certificates shall be published on the Ministry's website.

**3-** During the stages of preliminary permit issuance, approval of the control certificate, and entry into the country, the lists titled "Countries Prohibited to Import Due to Animal Diseases and Prohibited Materials" and "Live Animals and Animal Products Subject to Entry Restrictions Due to BSE Disease" published on the Ministry's website shall be taken into consideration. Preliminary permits and/or control certificates shall not be approved for live animals originating from or dispatched from the countries or regions listed therein, and the entry of such animals into the country shall not be permitted.

**4-** All procedures and transactions related to applications and notifications during the stages of preliminary permit issuance, control certificate approval, and entry into the country shall be carried out through the electronic document system.

**5-** The entry of breeding bovine animals (including buffalo) into the country shall be permitted through the authorized customs administrations listed in Annex-1 of the Communiqué on the Designation of Authorized Customs Administrations for the Entry of Certain Products Subject to the Control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry Authorized to Carry Out Official Controls, published in the Official Gazette dated 05.10.2013 and numbered 28786. The "List of Authorized Customs Administrations for Imports and Units Authorized to Carry Out Veterinary Controls" is published on the Ministry's website.

**6-** For the evaluation of compliance of live animals with the legislation during the stage of control certificate approval and veterinary controls carried out at entry into the country, the legislation in force shall be observed. This Directive has been prepared to clarify the implementation of the provisions of the legislation in force and shall be applied together with the mentioned legislative provisions.

**7-** Control certificate approval procedures shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Communiqué on Import Controls of Products Subject to the Control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (Product Safety and Inspection) and the Communiqué on the Import of Breeding and Non-Breeding Animals and Reproductive Products (Communiqué No: 2023/22).

**8-** Enterprises that will import dairy, dual-purpose, and beef-breed breeding bovine animals (including buffalo) shall be enterprises holding an import eligibility certificate within the scope of the Directive on the Qualifications of Enterprises Authorized to Import Breeding Cattle.

**9-** The country of origin and the country of loading of the breeding bovine animals (including buffalo) to be imported shall be the same.

**10-** In the imports of breeding bovine animals (including buffalo), each control certificate application shall be made for at least fifteen (15) head of animals for imports by road and at least thirty (30) head of animals for imports by maritime transport, whether on behalf of the importer's own enterprise or for those intending to import for the purpose of sale to breeders. The enterprises to which the animals will be brought shall have empty capacity equal to the number of animals requested if the import is made on behalf of the importer's own enterprise, or at least five hundred (500) head of empty capacity according to whether the animals to be brought are non-pregnant or pregnant heifers if the import is made for sale to breeders.

**11-** In the imports of breeding dairy and dual-purpose bovine animals (including buffalo), only the imports of non-pregnant female calves (4–12 months old) shall be permitted. Breeding dairy and dual-purpose pregnant heifers and non-pregnant (4–15 months old) female cattle can be imported within the scope of the projects of affiliated and relevant institutions and organizations of the Ministry, as well as Ministry projects.

**12-** The imports of beef-breed breeding bovine animals (including buffalo) by natural and legal persons shall be permitted, provided that they are pregnant heifers imported for the importer's own enterprise, from South and North America and Australia [imports of non-pregnant/pregnant beef-breed female breeding animals (including buffalo) for the projects of affiliated and relevant institutions and organizations of the Ministry, as well as Ministry projects, shall be permitted from all countries authorized for import].

**13-** In the imports of beef-breed female breeding bovine animals (including buffalo), upon the request of the importer, permit shall be granted for breeding male bovine animals of the same breed, provided that their number does not exceed 5% of the permitted number of female cattle and 10% of the permitted number of buffalo. Male animals shall be selected by proportioning based on the number of female animals selected by the selection committee. The selection of breeding male bovine animals shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant legislative provisions.

**14-** Breeding bovine animals (including buffalo) imported by natural and legal persons for sale to breeders shall not be sold before the completion of the actual import procedures, registration in the Ministry's registry system, and fulfillment of the conditions specified below:

- a.** Non-pregnant female calves (4–12 months old) shall remain at the importing enterprise for at least 4 months from the date they are registered in the Ministry's registry system.
- b.** The imported animals shall be inseminated through artificial insemination using the semen of the same breed and shall have completed at least 3 months of pregnancy.

**15-** The sale of breeding bovine animals and buffalo imported for sale to breeders shall be carried out by the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry in accordance with the conditions specified below:

- a.** The enterprise where the sale will be made shall be registered in the Ministry's registry system and shall have an enterprise registration certificate.

- b.** A minimum of 5 head of the same breed of bovine animals (2 head for buffalo) shall be sold to a single enterprise.
- c.** The capacity of the purchasing enterprise shall be compatible with the number of animals to be sold. A capacity report demonstrating the number shall be obtained.
- d.** The animals sold shall be listed by ear tag numbers on an enterprise basis and signed by both the purchaser and the seller.
- e.** A letter of undertaking (Annex-5C) shall be obtained from the owner of the enterprise purchasing breeding bovine animals.
- f.** Enterprises with no animal records shall, prior to the purchase, apply in accordance with the Disease-Free Enterprise Guideline and obtain a document stating that their physical infrastructure is adequate to become a disease-free enterprise if they will purchase a total of 30 head or more animals (dairy and dual-purpose breeds) within 1 year.
- g.** Enterprises applying for import for sale and enterprises that will purchase 30 head or more animals (dairy and dual-purpose breeds) from these enterprises shall have a Disease-Free Health Certificate. For breeders with no animals in their enterprise, the provisions of subparagraph (f) shall apply.
- h.** The breeder who will purchase the animals shall submit the documents and information required under Article 15 of this section to the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry where the importing enterprise is established.

**16-** The imports of beef-breed breeding pregnant bovine animals shall be carried out solely for breeding purposes on behalf of the importer's own enterprise.

**17-** For breeding male bovine animals (including buffalo) to be imported for natural insemination, the approval of the the Breeding Department shall be obtained in accordance with the relevant legislation.

**18-** For breeding male bovine animals to be imported for Semen Production Centers, pedigree/breeding certificates shall be requested at the application stage, and opinion of the Breeding Department shall be obtained in terms of technical and health criteria.

**19-** Breeding beef-breed male bovine animals imported and granted permit by the Ministry for natural insemination, shall, in accordance with the relevant legislation, be used at the enterprise authorized for natural insemination. If the authorized bull is sold to another enterprise, a new permit shall be obtained by the purchasing enterprise.

## **B. PRELIMINARY IMPORT PERMIT**

**1-** Preliminary import permit for bovine animals (including buffalo) to be imported for breeding purposes, either on behalf of the importer's own enterprise or for sale to breeders, shall be granted to natural or legal persons. However, if an animal disease that would restrict imports is subsequently detected in the country or region where the import will take place, import procedures cannot be carried out based on the granted or approved preliminary import permits/selection committee assignments/control certificates. If an animal disease of a restrictive nature is detected in the country or region of import, import-related procedures may be suspended as a precautionary measure by the General Directorate for the duration of the disease.

2- All enterprises that will import breeding dairy and dual-purpose bovine animals shall possess a disease-free health certificate issued by the Ministry. However, enterprises with no animal records shall apply to the relevant Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry to become a disease-free enterprise. The physical infrastructure of the enterprise shall be examined by provincial/district directorate personnel according to the criteria specified in the Disease-Free Enterprises Guideline. If the enterprise complies with the disease-free requirements, a document stating that its physical infrastructure is adequate to become a disease-free enterprise, shall be issued to the applicant. Upon entry of the animals into the country, the remaining procedures within the scope of the Disease-Free Enterprises Guideline shall be completed by the relevant units. This requirement shall not apply to applications for the imports of pregnant/non-pregnant female calves of dairy and dual-purpose breeds carried out within the scope of the Ministry and its affiliated/related institutions, organizations, and ministry projects.

3- Applications for preliminary import permit shall be submitted by the importer to the General Directorate of Livestock together with the documents listed below. The application shall be evaluated by the General Directorate.

- a. **Letter of Application:** The document stating the purpose of import, signed and stamped by real or legal persons applying for import or their representatives authorized by a notary public for the relevant issue (Annex 1).
- b. **Import Eligibility Certificate.**
- c. **Disease-free Enterprise Health Certificate / Document Stating Eligibility of Physical Infrastructure:** For all breeders importing breeding dairy and dual-purpose bovine animals, a valid disease-free enterprise health certificate; for enterprises with no animal records, a letter of application prepared in accordance with the Disease-Free Enterprises Guideline and a document obtained from the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry stating that the physical infrastructure is adequate. These documents shall not be required for the imports of beef-breed breeding bovine animals.
- d. **Quarantine Site and Enterprise Eligibility Certificate:** A document approved by the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry and obtained no more than 1 month prior to the application date (Annex-6).
- e. **Letter of Undertaking:** The original notarized document signed by natural/legal persons according to the purpose of import (Annex-5).
- f. **Signature Circular/Declaration and Letter of Attorney:** The original or a copy of the notarized signature circular/declaration and the letter of attorney of the natural/legal persons applying for import.
- g. **Trade Registry Gazette:** Document regarding the foundation of the importing company (not required for natural persons).
- h. **For Those Importing For Sale to Breeders, A Copy Of The Full-Time Employed Veterinarian Service Contract in Livestock Enterprises:** This contract shall be registered in the e-prescription system. If the enterprise owner or one of the partners is a veterinarian, a chamber registration certificate of the veterinarian shall be required instead.
- i. **Enterprise Registration/Identification Certificate:** A document approved by the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry and obtained no more than 1 month prior to the application date.
- j. **Enterprise Capacity Report:** A document prepared by the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry in the format specified in the Ministry database and obtained

no more than 1 month prior to the application date. In import applications for dairy and dual-purpose breeds, the capacity report shall include a milking unit and a cooling tank (this requirement shall not apply to the applications by breeding heifer centers).

**4-** If, following the evaluation, the application is deemed inappropriate or inadequacies are identified, the importer shall be informed through the electronic document system.

**5-** If there are inadequacies in the documents, the importer or the person responsible for the shipment shall be informed via the electronic document system that the application will be evaluated provided that the inadequacies are corrected within fifteen (15) working days.

**6-** If, following the evaluation, the application is deemed appropriate, this shall be notified to the importer through the electronic document system together with the issues specified below:

- a.** The validity period of the preliminary import permit shall be sixty (60) days, excluding the assignment period of the selection committee.
- b.** Within sixty days, it shall be mandatory to request the assignment of a selection committee from the General Directorate of Livestock and to complete all procedures related to the selection committee.
- c.** If a selection committee is assigned by the General Directorate, the selection process shall be completed within the specified period.
- d.** Within a maximum of ten (10) working days following the end of the selection committee's assignment period, an application for a control certificate shall be submitted with the documents specified in Annex-3, provided that it does not exceed the number of animals selected by the selection committee.
- e.** If the conditions specified within the periods stated in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) are not fulfilled, the preliminary import permit shall be cancelled.

**7-** If the importer or the person responsible for the shipment requests a change in the documents submitted for preliminary import permits for which a Control Certificate has not been issued:

- a.** If no selection committee has been assigned, the existing permit shall be cancelled and a new application shall be received.
- b.** If a selection committee has been assigned, changes may be made without changing the validity period, provided that the existing import permit and its annexed conditions are met and deemed appropriate by the General Directorate.
- c.** Information regarding the evaluation result of the request shall be provided via the electronic document system.

**8-** Only one control certificate shall be issued for each preliminary permit.

## **C. TECHNICAL CRITERIA FOR THE IMPORTS OF BREEDING BOVINE ANIMALS**

### **Breeding Female Cattle and Buffalos**

**1-** The breeding bovine animals to be imported shall be of the breeds listed below:

- a. Dairy breeds:** Holstein, Jersey, European Red (Danish, Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian Red)
- b. Dual-purpose breeds:** Simmental (Fleckvieh), Brown Swiss, Montbéliarde
- c. Beef breeds:** Angus, Charollais, Limousine, Hereford, Belgian Blue, Brangus, Wagyu
- d. Buffaloes:** Mediterranean Buffalo, Jaffarabadi, Murrah
- e.** Import demands for breeds other than those specified in this article shall be evaluated and resolved by the Directorate General of Livestock.

**2-** Breeding dairy and dual-purpose animals intended to be imported shall have pedigrees or breeding certificates. The dam, sire and the inseminating bulls of beef-breed breeding bovine animals and buffaloes shall be of the same breed and they shall have a pedigree or breeding certificate. These documents shall be drawn up and approved by the associations/cooperatives of the country of origin or by legal entities engaged in issuing breeding certificates/pedigrees (legal entity documents shall be valid for South American and Australian countries).

**3-** Animals shall be identified with ear tags or similar means enabling individual identification.

**4-** Animals shall carry the general phenotypic traits of their breeds.

**5-** Animals shall not have developmental disorders, cachectic, visible physical or orthopedic defects (lameness, blindness, etc.), or pathological formations (tumors, abscesses, conjunctivitis, skin diseases, udder anomalies, etc.). Their conformation shall be fine and they shall have a healthy appearance.

**6-** If the dams are in their first lactation, the value for the first lactation, and if they have more than one lactation period, the average of those lactation periods shall be taken into consideration, and they shall not be below the values for 305 days shown in the table. If the dam has not completed her first lactation, the milk yield shall be calculated on a 305-day basis. However, in the selection of pregnant heifers/female calves whose dams are in the first lactation period, milk yield values of the maternal granddam shall be taken into consideration if there are no milk yield records of the dam. Milk yield values of the maternal granddam shall not be below 305 days. These values shall be verified through the pedigrees of the animals (It shall be sufficient to cover one of these values in the pedigree).

### Minimum milk yield values of the dam for 305 days

Breed	Data for the first lactation (lt)	Average lactation (lt)
Holstein	8000	8500
Simmental	6000	6500
Brown Swiss	6000	6500
Montbéliarde	6000	6500
Jersey	6000	6500
European Red	7500	8000
Buffaloes *	1800	2000

\* Milk yield of buffaloes shall be calculated for a duration of 270 days.

**7-** For animals (those with records of only dam and sire but no yield records) with breeding certificates (pedigrees or breeding certificates), the milk yield records shall be taken into account based on the country/state average.

**8-** On the day of selection, the age of the non-pregnant animals shall be as follows:

**a.** Non-pregnant female cattle : 4-12 months old (120-360 days)

[the age shall be 4-15 months old (120-450 days) for the female cattle in the scope of projects of the ministry and of the ministry's affiliated bodies]

**b.** Non-pregnant buffaloes : 4-24 months old (120-720 days)

**9-** On the day of selection, the minimum live weight of female cattle shall be as follows:

Breed	Non-pregnant (at the age of 4-12 months old) (Kg)	Non-pregnant (at the age of 4-15 months old) (Kg)	Pregnant (3-7 months old ) (Kg)
Holstein	125 – 320	125 – 400	425 – 500
Simmental	140 – 370	140 – 450	475 – 550
Brown Swiss	135 – 320	135 – 400	475 – 550
Montbéliarde	140 – 320	140 – 400	450 – 525
Jersey	100 – 270	100 – 325	375 – 425
European Red	125 – 320	125 – 400	425 – 500
Charollais	150 – 370	150 – 450	530 – 625
Limousine	130 – 370	130 – 450	400 – 625
Hereford	125 – 310	125 – 390	350 – 575
Belgium Blue	150 – 370	150 – 450	530 – 625
Angus	125 – 310	125 – 390	350 – 575
Brangus	125 – 350	125 – 400	350 – 625
Wagyu	125 – 310	125 – 390	350 – 575
Buffaloes *	240 – 320	200 – 400	450 – 650

\*The age of non-pregnant buffaloes shall be 12-24 months (360-720 days) and their pregnancy period shall be 3-8 months (90-240 days).

**10-** On the day of selection, the age of pregnant animals at the time of insemination shall be as follows:

- a. Dairy breeds : 13-20 months old (390-600 days);
- b. Dual-purpose and beef breeds : 13-22 months old (390-660 days)
- c. Buffaloes : 20-40 months old (600-1200 days).

**11-** On the day of selection, the pregnancy period of animals according to the submitted documents (if available in the document) shall be as follows;

- a. Cattle : 3-7 months (90-210 days),
- b. Buffaloes : 3-8 months (90-240 days).

### **Breeding Male Cattle and Buffaloes**

**1-** The breeding male bovine animals to be imported shall be of beef breeds (buffaloes excluded).

**2-** The breeding animals to be imported shall have pedigrees/breeding certificates which shall be drawn up and approved by the relevant competent authority or by the authorized associations/cooperatives of the exporter country, and which shall cover data for at least two generations.

**3-** The breeding bovine animals to be imported shall be the progeny of the bulls of the same breed (This requirement does not apply to buffaloes).

**4-** The animals shall bear eartags, etc. for their identification.

**5-** On the day of selection, the age of the breeding bovine animals shall be as follows:

- a. Cattle : 12 – 24 months old (360-720 days)
- b. Buffaloes : 9 – 24 months old (270-720 days)

**6-** On the day of selection, the minimum live weight of the breeding bovine animals shall be as follows:

- a. Cattle : 12 months old (360 days): 360 kg
- b. Buffaloes : 12 months old (360 days): 300 kg

**7-** Milk yield of the dams of buffalo bulls for 270 days shall be minimum 1800 lt.

**8-** The animals shall carry the phenotypic traits of their breeds.

**9-** The animals shall not have developmental disorders, cachectic, visible physical and orthopedic defects (lameness, blindness, etc.), pathological formations (tumors, abscesses, conjunctivitis and skin diseases, etc.). Their conformation shall be fine and they shall have a healthy appearance.

**10-** The testicles shall be lowered to the scrotal bladder, shall be symmetrical to each other and there shall be no anomaly.



## **D-SELECTION COMMITTEE AND ITS TASKS**

**1-** Importers shall apply to the General Directorate of Livestock with a letter of application (Annex-2) for the assignment of the selection committee.

**2-** The ministry may assign at least two official veterinarians or one veterinarian and one agricultural engineer (zootechnician) for health and technical controls in the country of export.

**3-** The assignment period and number of the selection committee shall be determined by the General Directorate, taking into account the number of animals to be selected and the selection conditions. The assignment period can be extended upon request and if deemed appropriate by the General Directorate of Livestock.

**4-** The tasks of the Selection Committee shall be as follows:

The Selection Committee shall;

- a.** check the ear tags of the animals to be imported into the Republic of Türkiye and the accompanying documents.
- b.** conduct clinical examinations of the animals to be selected.
- c.** check, for each animal, whether animal welfare conditions are met and whether there is any situation that may adversely affect human or animal health.
- d.** select animals that comply with the animal health and technical criteria determined by the Ministry, including the conditions set out in this Directive.
- e.** be assigned to select the number and breed of animals specified in the letter of approval for the mission. Upon the request of the importer, additional (reserve) animals, which correspond to 20% of the number specified in the letter of approval, can be selected.
- f.** prepare the information and documents requested by the Ministry during its assignment period in the exporting country and send them with wet signatures to the General Directorate no later than five (5) working days after returning to Türkiye. In addition, the minutes for the selection committee's list shall be drawn up and signed by the Selection Committee and be sent to [damizlikithalat@tarimorman.gov.tr](mailto:damizlikithalat@tarimorman.gov.tr) in excel and pdf format.

**5-** The selection process shall be carried out among animals that possess either a Breeding Certificate (a document issued for breeding animals whose dam and sire are known, but whose ancestors' performance records are unknown) or a Pedigree (animals with documented dam and sire, as well as information and performance records of their ancestors), as specified in the Communiqué No. 2023/22 on Amending the Communiqué on the Importation of Breeding and Non-Breeding Animals and Reproductive Products (Communiqué No: 2025/23).

**6-** The selection process shall be conducted among documented animals whose documents are issued and approved by associations/cooperatives of the country of origin, or by legal entities engaged in issuing breeding certificates/pedigrees (Legal entity documents shall be valid for South American and Australian countries).

## E. CONTROL CERTIFICATE

**1-** Following the completion of the Selection Committee's assignment period, the importer shall submit the application for a control certificate to the General Directorate of Livestock via the electronic document system and HBS (Animal Information Sysytem), together with the documents listed below, no later than ten (10) working days. The application shall be evaluated by the General Directorate.

- a. Letter of Application:** The letter of application included in Annex-3, stating the purpose of the import, signed and stamped by the real/legal persons applying for import or their representatives authorized by a notary public for the relevant issue.
- b. Control Certificate:** One original copy (wet-signed or e-signed) prepared in accordance with the sample published each year in the annex of the Communiqué on the Inspection of the Imports Products Subject to the Control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (Annex-4), bearing the stamp of the importing person/institution and the name and surname of the authorized person.
- c. Import Eligibility Certificate.**
- d. Proforma Invoice:** It shall include the invoice number, date, number of animals to be imported, species, breed, pregnancy status, country of origin, country of loading, and unit price of animals. The original or a photocopy of the company-stamped document bearing the name, surname, and signature of the exporting company and its authorized person (for documents not in Turkish, the original sworn translation) shall be submitted. The information declared in the proforma invoice shall be consistent with the original invoice information to be submitted to the relevant customs office during registration of the customs declaration.
- e. Disease-Free Enterprise Health Certificate / Statement of Adequate Physical Infrastructure:** All breeders who will import dairy and dual-purpose breeding cattle shall have a valid disease-free enterprise health certificate. For enterprises without animal records, a letter of application prepared in accordance with the Directive on Disease-Free Enterprises and a statement of adequate physical infrastructure obtained from the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry shall be required. These documents shall not be required for the import of beef-breed breeding bovine animals.
- f. Quarantine Site and Enterprise Eligibility Certificate:** A document approved by the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry and obtained no more than one (1) month prior to the application date (Annex-6).
- g. Letter of Undertaking:** The original notarized document (Annex-5) signed by real/legal persons according to the purpose of import.
- h. Signature Circular/Declaration and Letter of Attorney:** The original or a photocopy of the notarized signature circular/declaration and letter of attorney of the real/legal persons applying for import.
- i. Trade Registry Gazette:** Document related to the foundation of the importing company (not required for real persons).
- j. Enterprise Registration/Identification Certificate:** An approved document issued by the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry and obtained no more than one (1) month prior to the application date.
- k. Enterprise Capacity Report:** A document issued by the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry in the format specified in the Ministry database and obtained no more than one (1) month prior to the application date. For dairy and dual-purpose

breed import applications, the capacity report shall include a milking unit and a cooling tank (this requirement shall not be required for the applications of breeding heifer centers).

- l. A photocopy of the service contract of a full-time employed veterinarian working at livestock enterprises for those who will import animals in order to sell to breeders:** This contract shall be registered in the e-prescription system. If the enterprise owner or one of the partners is a veterinarian, a veterinary chamber registration certificate shall be required instead of this document.

- m. Revolving Fund Receipt:** A Revolving Fund Collection Receipt attesting that the control certificate fee is deposited to the account of the Ministry's Revolving Fund Accounting at Ümitköy Branch of Halkbank or to the Central Revolving Fund Accounting Cash Office (the name/title of the importer, the country of import, the number and breeds of animals, proforma invoice date and number will be stated on the voucher).

**2.** If, following the evaluation, the application is deemed not appropriate or inadequacies are identified in the application, the importer shall be notified via the electronic document system.

**3.** If there are inadequacies in the documents, the importer or the person responsible for the consignment shall be informed via the electronic document system that the application will be taken into evaluation provided that the inadequacies are corrected within fifteen (15) working days.

**4.** If, following the evaluation, the application is deemed appropriate, this situation shall be notified via the electronic document system to the importer and to the Veterinary Border Control Post Directorate through which entry will be made.

**5.** In cases where enterprise changes due to *force majeure* are also deemed appropriate by the General Directorate, such changes may be made provided that:

- a.** There is a new enterprise holding an eligibility certificate in the name of the importer specified in the control certificate,
- b.** The enterprise's capacity and quarantine site are appropriate,
- c.** For control certificates issued for dairy and dual-purpose breeds, documents demonstrating compliance with disease-free requirements are available,
- d.** The enterprise is located in the same city as, or the nearest city to the enterprise specified in the control certificate.

**6.** In import procedures carried out due to control certificate amendments arising from an enterprise change, a request by the importer or the person responsible for the consignment to transfer the animals to the enterprise specified in the initial control certificate shall be evaluated by the General Directorate, provided that quarantine period has been completed. If a transfer is detected without the permit of the General Directorate, the undertaking shall be deemed violated and the necessary actions shall be taken.

**7.** At the stage of applying for a Control Certificate, under the "entry customs office" section, the customs administration where the shipment will first enter the country, as listed in Annex-1 of the Communiqué on the Determination of Customs Administrations Authorized for the Entry of Certain Products Subject to the Control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry Authorized to Perform Official

Controls, shall be specified. More than one entry customs office cannot be indicated on a Control Certificate.

**8.** At the stage of applying for a Control Certificate, more than one country cannot be specified in the “Country of Origin” section.

**9.** All information included in the Control Certificate (such as live animal species names, importer information, exporter information, quantity of live animals, etc.) shall be consistent with other documents and shall be clearly stated on the Control Certificate without using any abbreviations.

**10.** The quantity specified in the Control Certificate shall be consistent with the capacity reports of the enterprises where live animals will be quarantined, kept, or processed in Türkiye.

**11.** Separate Control Certificate applications shall be submitted and approved for live animals with different tariff positions (HS Codes) included in the same shipment.

**12.** In cases where access to the electronic document system and HBS (Animal Information System) cannot be provided, Control Certificate approval procedures shall be carried out physically as follows:

- a.** All documents submitted in accordance with the procedures specified in the Communiqué on the Import of Breeding and Non-Breeding Animals and Reproductive Products (Communiqué No: 2023/22) shall be stamped as “checked” or “examined” and initialed by the processing personnel.
- b.** The Control Certificate shall be signed by the authorized authority and it shall be stamped and sealed.
- c.** Once access to the electronic document system and HBS (Animal Information System) is restored, the physically approved Control Certificates shall be approved in sequence in the electronic document system and HBS.

**13.** If a request is made for amendments on and/or in the annexes of a Control Certificate on which no transaction has been carried out and whose validity period has not expired, such amendments shall be made by the authorized unit that approved the initial Control Certificate, provided that they are consistent with the other submitted documents.

**14.** If a Control Certificate on which no transaction has been carried out and whose validity period has not expired is requested to be cancelled by the importer or the person responsible for the consignment, the cancellation shall be carried out by the authorized unit that approved the Control Certificate, by entering an explanatory note in the electronic document system and HBS.

**15.** Except for cases of *force majeure*, no change shall be made to the quarantine enterprise specified in the Control Certificate. Any such request for change shall be evaluated by the General Directorate of Livestock.

**16.** The validity period shall remain the same in Control Certificate amendments.

**17.** In the event that a new certificate is issued, the revolving fund fee shall be collected in full; for amendments, half of the fee shall be collected. No refund shall be made for cancelled certificates.

## **F. OBLIGATIONS OF THE IMPORTERS/BREEDERS**

- 1.** The importer shall be obliged to comply with the undertakings set out in Annex-5 according to the type of animals to be imported and their intended use.
- 2.** The importer shall be obliged to provide the documents and information requested by the Ministry and the Selection Committee.
- 3.** The importer shall have a registered electronic mail (KEP) address.
- 4.** Importers shall apply to the General Directorate of Livestock for the assignment of the Selection Committee by submitting a letter of application (Annex-2).
- 5.** Importers shall be obliged to provide all necessary facilities to ensure that the controls carried out by the Selection Committee assigned by the Ministry are conducted properly.
- 6.** No loading shall be carried out in the exporting country before the control certificate for the animals to be imported is issued; otherwise, the importer shall be responsible for any adverse consequences that may arise.
- 7.** Importers shall ensure that animals originating from and sent from diseased/prohibited regions published on the Ministry's website are not selected. If there is no region currently restricting imports due to disease in the country/region where the selection is made, documents attesting that the animals have not been in the diseased region as of the dates of restriction on the disease published on the website and on subsequent dates may be requested from the importer.
- 8.** Since the regions of the exporting country subject to import restrictions due to disease and the animal health conditions stated in the veterinary health certificate or, where necessary, in additional declarations regarding the existing disease may change, importers shall ensure that, on the date of departure of the selected animals from the exporting country, confirmation is obtained from the competent authority of the exporting country that the health conditions of the departure region and origin are appropriate and have not changed, and shall act accordingly with respect to loading. If, during the controls carried out at veterinary border control posts, it is determined that the animals do not comply with the aforementioned conditions and/or do not comply with the specified health requirements and are therefore not permitted to enter the country, all responsibility shall rest with the importer.
- 9.** The importer shall apply to the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry of the location where the enterprise is situated for the commencement of quarantine no later than five (5) working days after the animals arrive at the quarantine site.
- 10.** The owners of enterprises first to purchase animals from those who import animals on behalf of their own enterprise or to sell to breeders, shall not sell their animals for a period of 2 (two) years, except for *force majeure*, as of the date they are registered in the Ministry Registration System (TURKVET). This period shall be one (1) year for beef-breed breeding cattle and buffaloes. In case of transfer of the enterprise, the provision concerning the prohibition of the sale of animals for 2 (two) years stated in this Directive shall also be valid for the transferee of the enterprise.
- 11.** Importers who import breeding bovine animals (including buffaloes) for sale to breeders shall be obliged, except in cases of *force majeure*, to keep the imported animals in their

enterprises for a period of two (2) years from the date of registration in the Ministry Registration System (TÜRKVET) if they are unable to sell them. This period shall be one (1) year for beef-breed breeding cattle and buffaloes.

**12.** Those importing on behalf of their own enterprises or for sale to breeders, as well as enterprise owners who purchase animals from such enterprises, shall, in the event that breeding bovine animals under the follow-up period die at the enterprise, immediately apply to the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry to have the status of the animals confirmed and recorded in a report by official veterinarians.

**13.** Those who import animals on behalf of their own enterprises or for sale, and enterprise owners who purchase animals from these enterprises, shall have at least two veterinarians working in the Provincial/District Directorate to draw up and approve a report attesting that the animals lost their breeding quality, if they are going to have their animals slaughtered in cases where their breeding animals lose their breeding qualifications, etc. during the follow-up period.

**14.** Non-pregnant female breeding dairy and dual-purpose cattle (4–12 months old) imported for sale to breeders shall be raised at the importing enterprise for four (4) months from the date of registration in the Ministry Registration System (TÜRKVET) and shall be inseminated with the semen of the bulls of the same breed and they shall be sold at least three (3) months pregnant. This requirement shall not apply to beef-breed cattle breeds and buffaloes.

**15.** Importers/breeders importing beef-breed breeding cattle shall apply to the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry to obtain permit for natural insemination bulls in accordance with the relevant legislation.

**16.** Beef-breed breeding female cattle shall be imported as pregnant.

**17.** The importer shall submit the document obtained from the customs administration certifying that the actual import procedures have been completed, to the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry no later than five (5) working days.

**18.** The daily allowance of the assigned selection committee for the duration of the assignment and for the time spent on travels shall be covered by the importer. Daily allowances for the duration of the assignment and for the time spent on travels shall be calculated on the basis of "the Decision on Daily Fee for Foreign Missions" and the table included in the Presidential Decree published in the Official Gazette. The selection committee fee shall be deposited into the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Central Accounting Directorate account with IBAN number "TR51 0000 1001 0000 0350 1540 26," with the phrase "HAYGEM, civil servant foreign travel allowance" included in the statement. Payment procedures shall be carried out through the Central Accounting Directorate.

## **G. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PROVINCIAL/DISTRICT DIRECTORATES OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY**

**1.** The Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry shall monitor imported breeding female bovine animals by carrying out periodic controls at least every six (6) months (January–June, July–December) for a period of two (2) years as of the registration date of the imported breeding female cattle in the Ministry Registration System (TÜRKVET). The data obtained as

a result of these controls shall be recorded in the Breeding Imported Animal Information System (DİHBİS), and documents related to these records shall be retained for at least two (2) years.

2. They shall carry out monitoring and control procedures of beef-breed breeding female cattle regarding permits for natural insemination bulls in accordance with the legislation on natural insemination activities of bulls (including buffaloes).

3. The information and documents required in the article 15 of the Directive under the “General Provisions” Heading shall be evaluated by the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry where the selling enterprise is located, and the sale documents shall be notified to the relevant Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry located in the Province of the enterprise where the consignment will arrive.

4. One copy of the control certificates and their annexes sent by the General Directorate shall be conveyed by the Provincial Directorate to the relevant district directorate where the import procedures are carried out.

5. The minutes of the list of the Selection Committee submitted within the scope of the control certificate shall be reviewed, and the breeding female animals shall be registered in the Ministry’s Registration Systems (TURKVET and E-İslah).

## **H. OTHER PROVISIONS**

1. Documents written in a foreign language shall be submitted together with their translations prepared by a sworn translation offices.

2. Applications shall be valid for one (1) month from the date of application. Applications not completed within this period shall be deemed cancelled without any correspondence.

3. Files and annexes related to the import applied for shall not be returned to the applicant.

4. Entry into the country shall not be permitted for animals exceeding the number specified in letter of approval for the mission of the Selection Committee or for animals whose ear tag numbers are not included in the minutes of the list.

5. Requests for the import of breeding cattle of species and breeds not specified in this Directive shall be evaluated by the General Directorate of Livestock.

6. The General Directorate shall evaluate the number of imported animals to be distributed within the scope of projects (for research, social purposes, etc.) to be carried out by the Ministry or other public institutions and organizations under this Directive.

7. In the event of any contradiction between previously published Directives (Mandates) on the import of breeding bovine animals and this Directive, the provisions of this Directive shall prevail.

8. The validity period of the control certificate shall be the period specified in the relevant year’s Communiqué on Import Inspection of Products Subject to the Control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (Product Safety and Inspection Communiqué).

9. The issues concerning the breed, number, etc. of the animals in the import permits given in the scope of this Directive shall be determined by the General Directorate.

10. Provided that the necessary infrastructure is in place, applications related to activities within the scope of this Directive may be received electronically, and information and documents submitted electronically by other institutions and organizations shall not be requested again from the applicant.

11. This Directive shall enter into force on the date of its publication. For applications duly submitted prior to the effective date and whose procedures are ongoing, the provisions in force on the application date shall apply.

## **I. CONTROLS AT ENTRY INTO THE COUNTRY AND DOMESTIC QUARANTINE CONTROLS**

1. The entry of live breeding bovine animals into the country shall be carried out by the Veterinary Border Control Post Directorates (VSKNM) located at the customs gates specified in the control certificates issued by the Ministry. The list of VSKNMs and the customs gates through which live animals of breeding bovine animals may enter the country, shall be published on the Ministry's website.

2. Veterinary controls and quarantine procedures for live animals of breeding bovine animals brought for import shall be carried out in accordance with the "*Regulation on the Arrangement of Veterinary Controls to be Carried Out on Live Animals Entering the Country*" and the "*Directive on Controls to be Carried Out in the Import and Transit of Breeding, Fattening, Slaughter of Live Bovine Animals and Live Ovine and Caprine Animals (2022-2), Version 1.*"

## **J. SANCTIONS**

1. The relevant provisions of Veterinary Services, Plant Health, Food and Feed Law No. 5996 shall apply to health, transport, identification, quarantine procedures regarding the import of bovine animals to be carried out within the scope of this Directive and other matters within the scope of the relevant provisions of the Law in question.

2. For those who violate the the letter of commitment obtained under this Directive, the provision of Article 13, paragraph 1(d) of the Decision on Technical Regulations Regime No. 6038 published in the Official Gazette No. 31954 of 15 September 2022 shall be implemented. It is stipulated in the provision that "*In cases where the letter of commitment is received, TRY equivalent of the 60% of FOB value for the export and the CIF value for the import of the product specified in the letter of commitment to be calculated on the basis of foreign exchange selling rate of the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye on the date of notification to the relative entity by the Tax Office to which the company is affiliated, shall be collected and recorded as income to the budget within the framework of the provisions of the Law No. 6183 on the Procedure for the Collection of Public Receivables in accordance with Article 3 of Law No. 2976 of 2 February 1984.*"

3. If, during control carried out by the Ministry, it is determined that the importer has failed to fulfill the undertakings set out in Annex-5, has failed to comply with the provisions of contracts concluded with affiliated and related institutions of the Ministry in imports carried out within the scope of such contracts, or has committed irregularities at any stage of the import process,



all eligibility certificates, control certificates, and permits issued to the importer and/or its enterprises for import purposes shall be cancelled.

**4.** If a violation is detected and import-related documents or permits have been cancelled during the controls conducted under paragraph three, the importers and their enterprises shall not be provided with new documents for the year in which the violation is detected and for the subsequent calendar year.

**THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE**  
**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY**

**THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF LIVESTOCK**

**(Letter of Application for Preliminary Permit for the Imports of Breeding Bovine Animals)**

Within the scope of the the Implementing Directive and the Technical Criteria for the Imports of Breeding Bovine Animals; the documents required for the import of breeding **pregnant/non-pregnant cattle** (\*) of ..... breed from ..... (\*\*) for my own enterprise located in the ..... District of the Province of ..... with a capacity of ..... for my own enterprise/ in order to sell to breeders (\*), are kindly submitted for your necessary action to assign a selection committee, and to issue preliminary import permit required for the issuance of control certificates for the number of animals selected by the selection committee.

**Importer company/person**  
**Name and surname**  
**Signature and Stamp**

Address:

Contact Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Registered E-mail Address:

(\*) Choose the item suitable for import purpose.

(\*\*)The name of the country shall be written.

Annexes:

1. Letter of Application
2. Import Eligibility Certificate.
3. Disease-Free Enterprise Health Certificate / Document Stating Eligibility of Physical Infrastructure (These documents shall not be required for the importation of beef-breed breeding bovine animals)
4. Quarantine Site and Enterprise Eligibility Certificate
5. Letter of undertaking
6. Signature circular/declaration and letter of attorney
7. Trade registry gazette
8. For those importing for sale to breeders, a copy of the full-time employed veterinarian service contract in livestock enterprises
9. Enterprise Registration/Identification Certificate
10. Enterprise Capacity Report.

**ANNEX- 2**

**THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE**  
**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY**  
**THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF LIVESTOCK**

**(Letter of Application for the Assignment of Selection Committee for Breeding Bovine Animals)**

Within the scope of the the Implementing Directive and the Technical Criteria for the Imports of Breeding Bovine Animals and in the framework of selection procedures to be conducted in line with the Preliminary Import Permit No ..... of .../.../..... for the the imports of breeding bovine animals; I kindly request the assingment of a selection committee by the Ministry for animal selection in .....(name of the country) between .../.../..... and .../.../.....  
.../.../20..

**Importer company/person**  
**Name and surname**  
**Signature and Stamp**

Address:  
Contact Phone Number:  
E-Mail:  
Registered E-mail Address:

**ANNEX- 3**

**THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE**  
**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY**  
**THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF LIVESTOCK**  
**(Letter of Application for Control Certificate)**

Within the scope of the the Implementing Directive and the Technical Criteria for the Imports of Breeding Bovine Animals; the documents required for the import of breeding **pregnant/non-pregnant cattle (\*)** of ..... breed from ..... (\*\*) for my own enterprise located in the ..... District of the Province of ..... with a capacity of ..... for my own enterprise/ in order to sell to breeders (\*), are kindly submitted your necessary action to assign a selection committee, and to issue preliminary import permit required for the issuance of control certificates for the number of animals selected by the selection committee.

**Importer company/person**  
**Name and surname**  
**Signature and Stamp**

Address:

Contact Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Registered E-mail Address:

(\*) Choose the item suitable for import purpose.

(\*\*)The name of the country shall be written.

Annexes:

1. Letter of Application
2. Control Certificate
3. Import Eligibility Certificate
4. Proforma Invoice
5. Disease-Free Enterprise Health Certificate / Document Stating Eligibility of Physical Infrastructure (These documents shall not be required for the importation of beef-breed breeding bovine animals)
6. Quarantine Site and Enterprise Eligibility Certificate
7. Letter of undertaking
8. Signature circular/declaration and letter of attorney
9. Trade registry gazette
10. Enterprise Registration/Identification Certificate
11. Enterprise Capacity Report.
12. For those importing for sale to breeders, a copy of the full-time employed veterinarian service contract in livestock enterprises
13. Revolving Fund Receipt

**ANNEX 4**

## FORMAT FOR CONTROL CERTIFICATE

<b>THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE</b> <b>THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY</b> <b>The General Directorate of Livestock</b>	
	<b>CONTROL CERTIFICATE</b>
HS Code (1) :	
Name of the Item (2):	
The list the item is included in:	
Importer company's	
- Commercial name:	
- Address and phone number:	
- Tax Office:	
- Tax register no:	
Exporter company's	
- Commercial name:	
- Address:	
Areas of use:	
Purpose of import (3):	
Number/amount:	
Batch number 4):	
Lot number : (5)	
Country of origin:	
Country of loading:	
Entry customs:	
User company's	
- Commercial name:	
- Address and phone number:	
<p>Please circle the relevant title below according to the features of the item to be imported.            (If the item is in group B, the relevant section shall also be underlined.)</p> <p>A- It complies with the provisions of the Veterinary Services, Plant Health, Food and Feed Law No. 5996.</p> <p>B- It complies with the specifications of the European Community, World Health Organization, World Food Codex.</p> <p>C- It complies with the provisions of the Seed Law No. 5553.</p> <p>D- It complies with the provisions of the Fisheries Law No. 1380.</p> <p>E- It complies with the provisions of the Animal Protection Law No. 5199.</p>	
<p>(1) The determination of HS Code is not under the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.</p> <p>(2) If there is more than one item under a single name in the proforma invoice, their original names shall be indicated separately.</p> <p>(3) It shall be specified in the imports of live aquacultural products.</p> <p>(4) It shall be specified in the import of veterinary medicinal products, substances used in the production of these products or starting materials.</p> <p>(5) It does not apply to items covered in the scope of Annex-1/A.</p>	
<p>We undertake that the information on this form drawn up by us is accurate and precise, and that we will import in accordance with the provisions of the Communiqué on the Inspection of the Imports of Products Subject to the Control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (the</p>	

Communiqué on Product Safety and Inspection: 2025/5).	
	Stamp of the company Name and Surname of the Authorized Person Signature/E-signature
In the inspection carried out in accordance with the relevant Communiqué, the import of the item within the scope of this Control Certificate will be deemed appropriate if it is deemed appropriate in terms of human health and safety, animal and plant inventory and health during the controls to be conducted at the customs stage.	
	E-signature (**) Date
<p>* It is not required to use stamp and seal on the Control Document issued as e-document through EBYS (Electronic Document Management System) or a related registration system.</p> <p>** In applications that are physically-made and recorded in EBYS, Control Certificate approval procedures shall be carried out with a letter issued through EBYS. Approval procedures for the Control Certificate issued as an e-document shall be carried out with e-signature.</p>	

## LETTER OF COMMITMENT (\*)

## (For the Imports of Breeding Cattle and Buffaloes)

Regarding the breeding bovine animals and buffalo import that I will carry out for breeding purposes within the scope of the provisions of the Implementing Directive and the Technical Criteria for the Imports of Breeding Bovine Animals,

I hereby accept, declare and undertake that I will keep the imported breeding animals at my enterprise registered in the Ministry's Registration System under enterprise number .....; that I will not have the animals slaughtered, sold, transferred, relocated to another enterprise — even in my own name— for a period of two (2) years [one (1) year for breeding beef cattle and buffaloes] as of the date of entry into the country, except in cases of *force majeure* such as natural disasters including earthquake, fire and flood, lawful strikes, war, uprising, declaration of partial or general mobilization;

that, in the event of the death of any breeding animals at the enterprise during the follow-up period, I will apply to the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry within the legally prescribed notification period and have the necessary determinations carried out by official veterinarians; and that, in the event the animals lose their breeding status, I will obtain, prior to slaughter, a report issued by at least two official veterinarians working at the provincial/district directorate of agriculture and forestry;

that, if any restriction is imposed on the above-mentioned enterprise due to disease at the stage of approval of the control certificate, I will lease a new enterprise complying with the import requirements, and that I will not dispatch, transfer, relocate, or cause any change of location of the mentioned animals to any enterprise other than the newly leased one without obtaining written permit from the General Directorate of Livestock.

Otherwise, I will make the required payment to be calculated on the basis of the number of animals for which the commitment is violated, to the relevant Tax Office in accordance with the provision in Article 13, item (d) of the “Decision on Technical Regulations Regime” No. 6038 published in the Official Gazette No. 31954 of 15 September 2022 stipulating that ***“In cases where the letter of commitment is received, TL equivalent of the 60% of FOB value for the export and the CIF value for the import of the product specified in the letter of commitment to be calculated on the basis of foreign exchange selling rate of the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye on the date of notification to the relative entity by the Tax Office to which the company is affiliated, shall be collected and recorded as income to the budget within the framework of the provisions of the Law No. 6183 of 21 July 1953 on the Procedure for the Collection of Public Receivables in accordance with Article 3 of the Law No. 2976 of 2 February 1984 on the Regulation of International Trade”***, and that I will submit the document attesting that the payment has been made, to the relevant provincial/district directorate. I also accept, declare and undertake that all responsibility for any issues arising from imports, excluding diseases originating in the country of origin, rests solely with me/my company; that I will not hold official institutions responsible for any resulting losses; and that I will not make any claims for compensation. ....../..../20... (\*\*)

**Importer /Authorized representative**  
**Name and surname**  
**Signature and Stamp**

Address:

Contact Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Registered E-mail Address:

(\*) Notarized

(\*\*) Write the date



**LETTER OF COMMITMENT (\*)****(For the Imports of Breeding Bovine Animals and Buffaloes in order to Sell to Breeders)**

Regarding the breeding bovine animals and buffalo import that I will carry out in order to sell to breeders within the scope of the provisions of the Implementing Directive and the Technical Criteria for the Imports of Breeding Bovine Animals, I hereby accept, declare and undertake that;

I will keep the imported breeding animals at my enterprise registered in the Ministry's Registration System under enterprise number .....; that I will not have the animals slaughtered, sold, transferred, relocated to another enterprise — even in my own name— for a period of minimum four (4) months as of the date of entry into the country, except in cases of *force majeure* such as natural disasters including earthquake, fire and flood, lawful strikes, war, uprising, declaration of partial or general mobilization; and that after the specified time period is completed, I will sell those animals in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Animals can be sold when they are at least three (3) months pregnant after being artificially inseminated with the semen of a bull of the same breed
2. A commitment letter (Annex-5C) shall be submitted by the enterprise owner who purchases the breeding animals
3. A minimum of 5 head (2 head for buffaloes) of the same breed can be sold to one enterprise.
4. For sales of 30 or more animals (dairy and dual-purpose breeds), the purchasing enterprise shall submit a disease-free enterprise health certificate / document stating eligibility of physical infrastructure.
5. In domestic sales, the provisions of the legislation in force shall prevail

that if I cannot sell the breeding animals I have imported in order to sell to breeders, I will keep those animals at my enterprise registered in the Ministry's Registration System under enterprise number .....; I will not have the animals slaughtered, sold, transferred, relocated to another enterprise — even in my own name— for a period of two (2) years [one (1) year for beef-breed breeding cattle and buffaloes] as of the date of entry into the country, except in cases of *force majeure* such as natural disasters including earthquake, fire and flood, lawful strikes, war, uprising, declaration of partial or general mobilization;

that, in the event of the death of any breeding animals at the enterprise during the follow-up period, I will apply to the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry within the legally prescribed notification period and have the necessary determinations carried out by official veterinarians; and that, in the event the animals lose their breeding status, I will obtain, prior to slaughter, a report issued by at least two official veterinarians working at the Provincial/District Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry;

that, if any restriction is imposed on the above-mentioned enterprise due to disease at the stage of approval of the control certificate, I will lease a new enterprise complying with the import requirements, and that I will not dispatch, transfer, relocate, or cause any change of location of the mentioned animals to any enterprise other than the newly leased one without obtaining written permit from the General Directorate of Livestock.

Otherwise, I will make the required payment to be calculated on the basis of the number of animals for which the commitment is violated, to the relevant Tax Office in accordance with the provision in Article 13, item (d) of the “Decision on Technical Regulations Regime” No. 6038 published in the Official Gazette No. 31954 of 15 September 2022 stipulating that *“In cases where the letter of commitment is received, TL equivalent of the 60% of FOB value for the export and the CIF value for the import of the product specified in the letter of commitment to be calculated on the basis of foreign exchange selling rate of the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye on the date of notification to the relative entity by the Tax Office to which the company is affiliated, shall be collected and recorded as income to the budget within the framework of the provisions of the Law No. 6183 of 21 July 1953 on the Procedure for the Collection of Public Receivables in accordance with Article 3 of the Law No. 2976 of 2 February 1984 on the Regulation of International Trade”*, and that I will submit the document attesting that the payment has been made, to the relevant provincial/district directorate. I also accept, declare and undertake that all responsibility for any issues arising from imports, excluding diseases originating in the country of origin, rests solely with me/my company; that I will not hold official institutions responsible for any resulting losses; and that I will not make any claims for compensation. ....../....../20... (\*\*)

**Importer /Authorized representative**  
**Name and surname**  
**Signature and Stamp**

Address:  
Contact Phone Number:  
E-Mail:  
Registered E-mail Address:

(\*) Notarized

(\*\*) Write the date

## LETTER OF COMMITMENT (\*)

(For Breeders Purchasing the Breeding Animals Imported to sell to Breeders)

Regarding the breeding bovine animals and buffalos I will purchase among the animals imported to sell to breeders within the scope of the provisions of the Implementing Directive and the Technical Criteria for the Imports of Breeding Bovine Animals, I hereby accept, declare and undertake that;

I will keep the breeding animals I have purchased at my enterprise registered in the Ministry's Registration System under enterprise number .....; that I will not have the animals slaughtered, sold, transferred, relocated to another enterprise — even in my own name— for a period of two (2) years [one (1) year for beef-breed breeding cattle and buffaloes] as of the date of entry into the country, except in cases of *force majeure* such as natural disasters including earthquake, fire and flood, lawful strikes, war, uprising, declaration of partial or general mobilization;

that, in the event of the death of any breeding animals at the enterprise during the follow-up period, I will apply to the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry within the legally prescribed notification period and have the necessary determinations carried out by official veterinarians; and that, in the event the animals lose their breeding status, I will obtain, prior to slaughter, a report issued by at least two official veterinarians working at the Provincial/District Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry;

Otherwise, I will make the required payment to be calculated on the basis of the number of animals for which the commitment is violated, to the relevant Tax Office in accordance with the provision in Article 13, item (d) of the “Decision on Technical Regulations Regime” No. 6038 published in the Official Gazette No. 31954 of 15 September 2022 stipulating that *“In cases where the letter of commitment is received, TL equivalent of the 60% of FOB value for the export and the CIF value for the import of the product specified in the letter of commitment to be calculated on the basis of foreign exchange selling rate of the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye on the date of notification to the relative entity by the Tax Office to which the company is affiliated, shall be collected and recorded as income to the budget within the framework of the provisions of the Law No. 6183 of 21 July 1953 on the Procedure for the Collection of Public Receivables in accordance with Article 3 of the Law No. 2976 of 2 February 1984 on the Regulation of International Trade”*, and that I will submit the document attesting that the payment has been made, to the relevant provincial/district directorate. I also accept, declare and undertake that all responsibility for any issues arising from imports, excluding diseases originating in the country of origin, rests solely with me/my company; that I will not hold official institutions responsible for any resulting losses; and that I will not make any claims for compensation.

...../...../..... (\*\*)

**Purchasing Breeder /Authorized  
Enterprise Representative  
Name and Surname  
Signature and Stamp**

Address:

Contact Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Registered E-mail Address:

(\*) Notarized

(\*\*) Write the date

**QUARANTINE FACILITY AND ENTERPRISE ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE FOR  
IMPORTER ENTERPRISES**

<b>Name of importer person/company (*)</b>	
<b>Number of the enterprise</b>	
<b>Address of the enterprise</b>	
<b>Type of the animals to be put in quarantine</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cattle <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep-Goat
<b>Purpose of use for the animals to be put in quarantine</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> Fattening
<b>Capacity of the enterprise (**)</b>	
<b>Current number of animals in the enterprise</b>	
<b>The capacity of the facility where the animals will be put in quarantine (***)</b>	
<b>Additional information on the enterprise (****)</b>	

During the inspection we carried out at the enterprise, for which information concerning the breeding/fattening animals to be imported are provided above, on .../.../20.., we confirmed that the enterprise is suitable for at least 21 (twenty-one) days of quarantine of ..... heads of selected animals whose number is stated in “***The capacity of the facility where the animals will be put in quarantine***” section. No restriction is implemented at the enterprise in terms of animal diseases common for the type of animals to be imported.

**The person carried out the inspection:**

Veterinarian

Name and Surname :

Registration no :

Signature :

Date :

**Approved by:**

Director of Provincial/District Directorate

Name and Surname :

Registration no. :

Signature :

Date :

Stamp :

(\*) The enterprise shall be registered under the name of the importer.

(\*\*) Total capacity of the enterprise shall be indicated.

(\*\*\*) The number of animals to be put under quarantine in the enterprise shall be indicated.

**This unit shall be isolated from other units and it shall be empty.**

(\*\*\*\*) In the event that there are more than one quarantine facilities at the enterprise, their number and respective capacities shall be indicated separately. Any other information required to be indicated shall be stated in this section.