

TECHNICAL CRITERIA FOR THE IMPORTS OF BREEDING OVINE AND CAPRINE ANIMALS (SHEEP-GOAT)

- 1- **The breeding sheep to be imported** shall be of East Friesian, Merinos, Dorset Down, Charollais, Lacaune, Dorper, Ile de France, Suffolk, German Black-headed, Texel, Romanov, Plevne and Assaf breeds.

Breeding goats to be imported shall be of Saanen, Damascus, Boer and Alpine breeds.

Import demand for the breeds other than those stated above shall be evaluated and resolved by the Directorate General of Livestock.

- 2- The animals shall be born and raised in the country of export or in the countries which are approved by the Ministry for the imports of breeding ovine and caprine animals.
- 3- The animals shall bear eartags or microchips for their identification.
- 4- The animals shall carry the phenotypic traits of their breeds.
- 5- 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 have a healthy appearance.
- 6- On the day of selection, the age of the animals shall be as follows:
 - Females (whether they are pregnant or not) : 6 -18 months old,
 - Males : 12- 24 months old.
- 7- On the day of selection, the minimum live weight of the animals shall be as follows:

BREED	FEMALE	MALE
East Friesian	45	75
Merinos	45	75
Dorset Down	45	75
Charollais	50	75
Lacaune	40	65
Dorper	45	60
Ile de France	50	90
Suffolk	50	90
German Black-headed	45	65
Texel	50	90
Romanov	25	50
Plevne	45	55
Assaf	45	65
Saanen	30	50
Damascus	40	55
Boer	45	60
Alpine	40	50

Other issues:

- 1- Besides the abovementioned criteria, the Directorate General may require additional information and documents when necessary. Relevant entities are obliged to provide required additional information and documents.
- 2- The technical criteria for the breeding ovine and caprine animals to be imported in the scope of the projects of the Ministry, can also be determined by the relevant organization.