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

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

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

1. 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 individual 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 (180-720 days),

- Males : 12-24 months old (360-720 days).

1. The animals to be selected shall have approved documents that include information concerning eartag number, breed, sex, and birth date drawn up by the competent authority of the country of origin or by authorized associations/ cooperatives.
2. On the day of selection, the minimum live weight of the animals shall be as follows:

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| **BREED** | **FEMALE****(kg)** | **MALE****(kg)** |
| East Friesian | 45 | 75 |
| Merinos | 45 | 75 |
| Dorset Down | 45 | 75 |
| Charollais | 50 | 75 |
| Lacaune | 40 | 65 |
| Dorper | 45 | 60 |
| Île-de-France | 50 | 90 |
| Zwartbles | 45 | 65 |
| 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.