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

2- The country of origin and the country of loading of the breeding animals shall be the same.

3- The animals shall bear eartags, et. 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 they shall 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 -24 months old (180-720 days),

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

7- The animals to be selected shall have approved pedigrees or breeding certificates drawn up by the associations/ cooperatives of the country of origin.

8- On the day of selection, the minimum live weight of the animals shall be as follows:

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

9- **Other issues:** Besides the abovementioned criteria, the Directorate General may require additional information and documents when necessary. Relevant entities are obliged to provide required such additional information and documents.