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Control Document Requirements for Bovine Ovine and Caprine Imports

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Report Highlights:

A communique on the requirements for receiving the control document for the importation of bovine and ovine/caprine animals was published on January 29, 2015. The animals shall be born and raised in the exporting country. The communique does not cover the importation of the animals intended for the sacrifice holiday.

General Information:

The communique covers the male feeder sheep/goat, male feeder cattle (beef/ combined breeds or their cross-breeds), breeding sheep/goat and cattle, slaughter sheep/goat and cattle (beef/ combined breeds or their cross-breeds). The importer shall receive the control document from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MinFAL) before the actual importation for live animals.

In order to receive the control document from the MinFAL, the importer shall have a trading partner/supplier in the exporting country and have a specific number of the animals to be imported. Then the importer shall apply to the MinFAL with the proforma invoice. If the MinFAL finds appropriate to import of the animals the importer receives the control documents for the certain head of animals.

The number of the animals to be imported shall be determined according to the holding capacities. The provisions of health requirement, quarantine places and procedures shall be determined by the Ministry. The veterinary health certificates are published on the MinFAL web site:

<http://www.tarim.gov.tr/Konular/Veteriner-Hizmetleri/Ihracat-Ithalat/Ithalat>

The imported animals are registered into TURKVET/ KKKS (Sheep/goat Registration System) databases after the actual importation.

Necessary Documents for Control Document:

The following documents are required at the time of the application for the control document:

- Petition
- Proforma Invoice (It shall be original, translated into Turkish and include the number, date and origin country)
- Control Document filled, signed and stamped by the importer according to the `Communiqué on the Import Check of the Products Subjected to the Control of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock` which is published for each year.
- Commitment Paper signed by the importer and authenticated by the notary and stating that the animals will comply with the technical and health requirements determined by the MinFAL, the importer will obey the rules after importation and introduce all authenticated original documents to the authorized border inspection post at the time of entry of the animals to the country.
- Additional documents that might be required by the MinFAL.

Technical and Health Requirements:

The animals shall meet to the technical and health requirements determined by the MinFAL. The animals shall be born and raised in the exporting country or the territory of the country authorized by the MinFAL to export of live animals into Turkey.

Selection of the Animals:

The animals shall be selected in the exporting country by the committee consisting at least two official veterinarians or one veterinarian/one zoo technician. The original list including identification numbers of the selected animals shall be introduced at the time of entry of the animals into the country. The animals which are not selected by the selection committee, or which do not exist in the selection committee report, will not be allowed to enter the country.

Slaughtering Animals:

The imported animals intended for the slaughter shall be directly sent to the slaughterhouse after actual importation. The slaughter shall be carried out under the control of the Province/District Directorates of the MinFAL.