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### **Sheep import requirements for Thrace region**

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**Report Highlights:**

Sheep can be imported to Thrace region of Turkey until November 15, 2010. Sheep import to Thrace region is only open to United States (except Texas, Alabama Washington states), Uruguay, Argentina (except the Corrientes and Misiones regions), New Zealand and Australia, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Norway, Greece (Kilkis, Pella, Thessaloniki, Serres region) and Bulgaria (except Lovech region)

**General Information:**  
**Technical Specifications**

1. Imported live slaughtering sheep should be pure breed or cross breed
2. Age of sheep should be minimum 6 months and live weight should be minimum 35 kg
3. Sheep should have characteristic properties of its own breed and shouldn't have any physical damage (foot, eye, ear, tail etc.)
4. Sheep shouldn't be treated by any stilbene or thyrostatic substances or oestrogenic, androgenic, gestagenic or B-agonist substances for purposes other than therapeutic or zootechnic treatment
5. Sheep should carry identification tags (ear tags, special marks or microchips)

**Required documents**

Import application should be done to General Directorate of Protection and Control.

1. letter of application
2. Control certificate which is filled by applicant
3. Proforma invoice
4. Proforma veterinary health certificate
5. Origin certificate, if veterinary certificate contains the information about country of origin it is not required to submit origin certificate.
6. Wholesomeness certificate, which shows consumption of this products are fit for consumption
7. Test results, if it is asked by Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, if veterinary certificate contains test results then it is not required to submit test results.

Imported sheep should be born and raised in the origin country. Veterinary health certificate should be issued and approved by relevant government authority. Imported sheep should not be treated by hormones and antibiotics 30 days before the export. If it is not stated on the veterinary certificate additional document is needed.

Imported sheep shall not transport to other part of Turkey except Thrace region. Actual sheep importation shall be done until November 15, 2010.

**Note:** A health certificate for exports of U.S. sheep to Turkey has not yet been established.