

**Approved by order Ü-12 dated 16 May 2018 of the Azerbaijan Republic
Food Safety Agency**

**Veterinary Requirements
to Importing sheep and goat for slaughter to Azerbaijan Republic**

It is allowed to import to Azerbaijan Republic healthy animals, born and reared in the exporting country, not pregnant, unvaccinated against brucellosis and originated from farms and administrative territories free from the following diseases;

- ovine scrapie – in the country's territory, in accordance with the requirements of OIE «Terrestrial Animal Health Code»;
- Maedi-Visna, adenomatosis, caprine arthritis-encephalitis – during the last 3 years in the country's territory;
- FMD, vesicular stomatitis, bluetongue, peste des petits ruminants- during the last 12 months in the country's territory;
- tuberculosis, paratuberculosis – during the last 12 months on a farm's territory;
- brucellosis - during the last 2 years on a farm's territory;
- contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, sheep pox and goat pox – during the last 6 months on a farm's territory;
- anthrax – during the last 20 days on a farm's territory.

Animals shouldn't fed with feeding-stuffs of animal origin containing intestines and tissues of ruminants. They should not fed with food, containing raw materials, produced through genetic engineering techniques and other genetically modified sources. Animals selected for shipment to the Azerbaijan Republic no less than 21 days are kept in the special quarantine bases of the exporting country under the supervision of the representative of the state veterinary service of the exporting country.

During the quarantine a general clinical examination is carried out. Within this period there are carried out the diagnostic examinations at the state veterinary laboratory by methods recommended by the OIE for brucellosis.

For 2-14 days prior to the shipment the animals are undergone treatment against leptospirosis, ectoparasites, helminthes.

Sheep and goats imported from countries that are unhealthy for sheep pox undergo smallpox vaccination no less than 14 days, if they have not been vaccinated for 6 months prior to the shipment.

At the request of the Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic animals are subjected to the vaccination against anthrax, no less than 20 days before the shipment, if they have not been vaccinated for 6 months prior to the shipment.

If animals are not vaccinated six months before shipment, they are vaccinated not later than 20 days prior to their loading with requirement of the Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic.

It is allowed to import only healthy animals having negative results by diagnostic tests into the Republic of Azerbaijan

Means of transportation are treated and prepared according to the usual regulations of the exporting country.

Fulfillment of conditions, indicated in the present requirements should be thoroughly approved by the veterinary certificate, signed by the state veterinarian of the exporting country and drawn up in a language understandable to him and in English with indication the date of diagnostic studies and inoculations.

Shipment of animals to the Azerbaijan Republic is possible only after the obtaining a permission by the importer from the Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic.