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So far, there were no ICAR guidelines on meat and reproduction recording in small ruminants. To bridge this gap, the working group on sheep, goat and camelids began to set up recommendations for those traits in small ruminants, especially in sheep. A survey was carried out last year to get information on the phenotypes recorded by the different international organisations that engage in performance recording of sheep and Based on this survey, the working group on sheep, goat and camelids has formalised draft recommendations for key traits. We are presenting this draft, which comprises three sections: reproduction, growth traits and carcass traits. The purpose is to integrate the recommendations in the ICAR guidelines in the near future.

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