Classification and packaging of mohair
Mohair is classed according to: Texture/Fineness, Length, Style-and-character, General appearance.

**Fineness**
The finest hair is obtained from kids sworn for the first time at the age of six month. As the animal grows older, the hair becomes stronger.

**Length**
The ideal length for mohair is from 125 mm to 150 mm. The trade prefers mohair to be not too short or too long. Length is a characteristic that can be measured and the different lengths with corresponding symbol.

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**Style-and-character**
The ideal is a combination of twist and even character within a soft but nevertheless firm staple. Too much character results in spongy mohair, which is an undesirable type of mohair. Old angora goats of good style and character continue producing hair of good quality, whilst excess style causes the goats to produce hair of a poor quality, even at young age.

**General appearance**
The general appearance of mohair is determined by the following:

- **Lustre.** Mohair must have a bright lustre and not be dull in appearance.
- **Absence of foreign fibres.** Mohair must be free of kemp, black and brown fibres or any other foreign fibres. Foreign fibres can harm the end product considerably and are easily discernable once the hair has been washed and combed.
- **Condition of hair.** Mohair must contain just enough natural oil to be hardly noticeable. This natural oil protects the fibre against weathering and ensures healthy fibres for processing.
- **Dust, stain and seed.**
  - **Dust** - must be limited to the minimum. Goats should not be transported on dusty roads or kept in a kraal that have not been dampened.
  - **Stain** - Avoid stained hair by not herding flock while the veld is wet with dew. Stained hair can also reduced by crutching the goats at 3 months growth.
  - **Seed** - can be avoided by keeping the goat in clean camps till after shearing; goats with long hair should not be kept in spared camps or in old lands. Avoid stained hair.
Classes of mohair
Class A, Class B, Class C.

Goat type Class

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Packaging requirements
• The packs used must completely contain the contents and prevent the contents of the bale from being contaminated.
• The identification marks applied to each bale must be unique and be clear and easy to read.
• Only one category, grade or type of fibre must be packed in each bale or container.
• The container in which mohair is packed must be sewn up with blue glazed twine.
• Maximum mass of a bale of mohair is 180 kg.
• Minimum mass of bale:
  Adult 120 kg nett
  Young goats 100 kg nett
  Kids 90 kg nett

Packaging material
• **Standard green mohair bales**. Pack up to 180 kg mohair.
• **Standard green mohair bags**. (Dimensions: 950 mm X 1250 mm.) Pack approximately 80 kg mohair.
• **Standard green mohair bags**. (Dimensions: 650 mm X 1000 mm.) Pack approximately 30-kg (minimum 5-kg)
• **Standard transparent plastic bags**. Pack up to 10 kg (minimum 2 kg.) Stickers are provided on which your name and address, producer number and the contents of the bag must be recorded.
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