

Question 1835) - The owner agreed to a Kitabah for an unspecified animal or cloth of unspecified type. What is the status of the Kitabah?

A: It is valid in the first case, not the second.*

* Meaning that if he specified the species but not the quality; it will be interpreted as medium quality. The owner will be forced to accept the price. If he did not specify the species, e.g., he only says, "A beast," then it is not valid. There are many species thus the requirement is completely unknown" [al-Hidayah]

~ al-Quduri ~