

SHEEP AND GOAT POX – epidemiological situation in Bulgaria



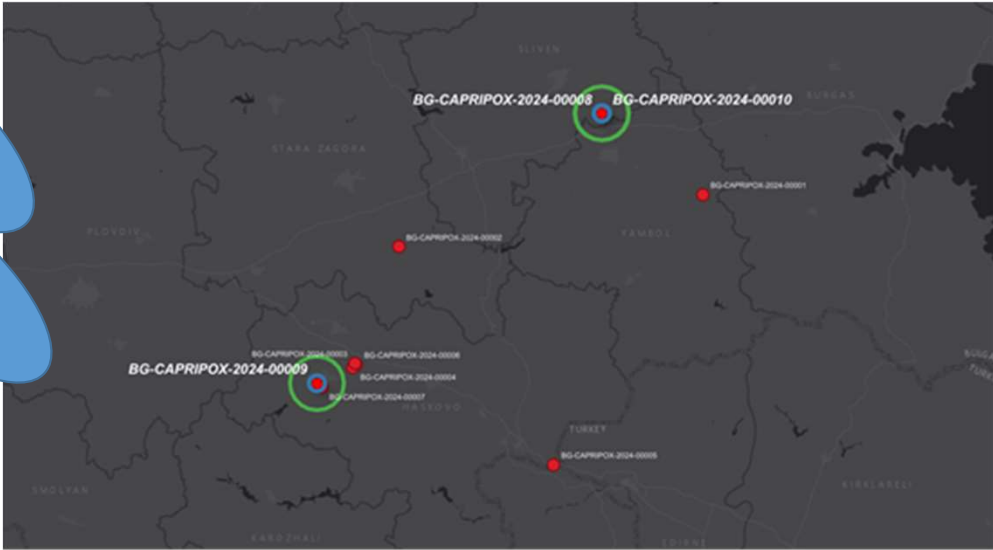
SC PAFF, 16-17/12/2024

Overview of the situation

- **10 outbreaks** confirmed so far in 2024 since September.
- **Four regions** (five settlements) affected in the south part of the country as follows:
 - One (the first) outbreak in 2024 reported on 4th September in Voynika village, **Yambol** region, 145 sheep.
 - One outbreak in **Stara Zagora**, Svobodn village on 11 Oct, 394 sheep.
 - Six outbreaks in **Haskovo** region, three in Uzundzhovo village (on 16 Oct – 524 sheep, on 17 Oct – 313, on 11 Nov - 180), one in Kapitan Andreevo village on 08 Nov, 65 sheep and goats. Two in the town of Haskovo (on 19 Nov – 145 sheep, on 02 Dec – 30 sheep)
 - Two outbreaks in **Sliven**, Zhelyu voyvoda village, on 27 Nov – 150 sheep, and 12 Dec – 20 sheep

+ 4 since last SCPAFF

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DEVELOPMENT SINCE THE LAST SCPAFF

Region of Haskovo

Location: town of Haskovo

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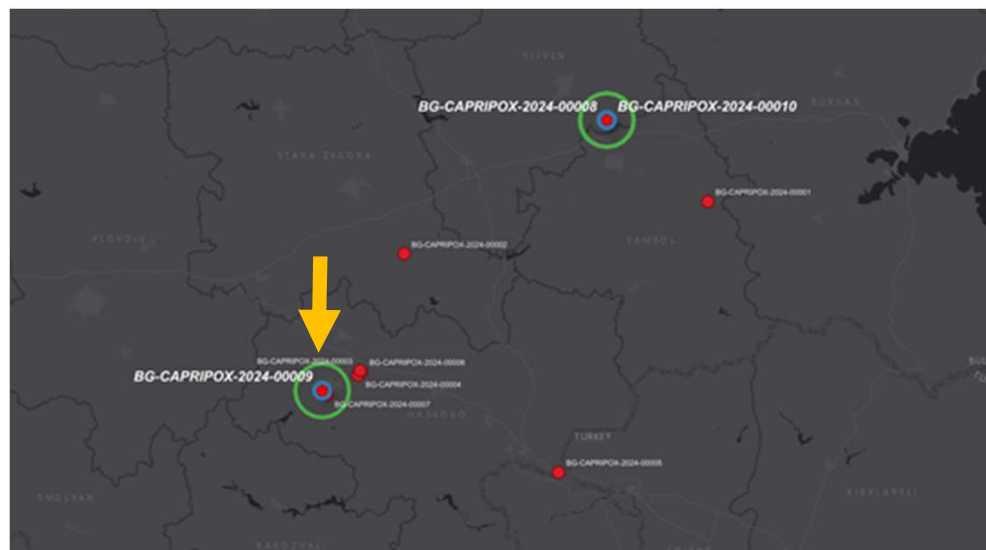
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Region	Municipality	Settlement	Date of suspicion	Date of sampling	Date of confirmation	Type of samples	Affected animals	Census	Category
Haskovo	Haskovo	Haskovo	18/11/2024	18/11/2024	19/11/2024	blood	40 (clinical signs)	145	milk
Haskovo	Haskovo	Haskovo	29/11/2024	29/11/2024	02/12/2024	blood	8 (clinical signs, 1 dead)	30	milk

DEVELOPMENT SINCE THE LAST SCPAFF

Region of Sliven

Location: Zhelyu voivoda village

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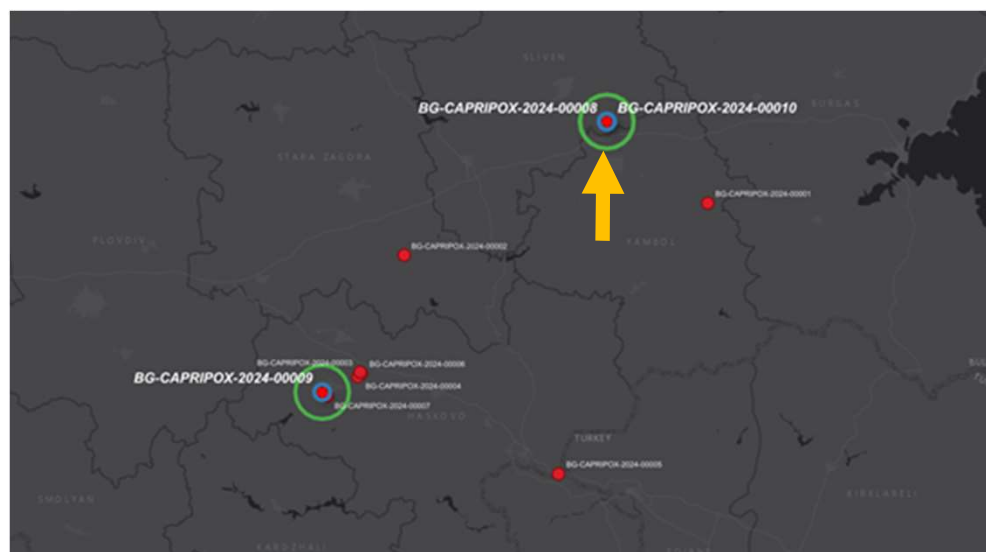
Confirmation: 27.11.2024

Culling and disposal: 29.11./30.11.2024

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Confirmation: 12.12.2024

Culling and disposal: 13.12.2024



Region	Municipality	Village	Date of suspicion	Date of sampling	Date of confirmation	Type of samples	Affected animals	Census	Category
Sliven	Sliven	Zhelyu voivoda	25.11.2024	26.11.2024	27.11.2024	blood	125 (clinical signs, 2 dead)	150	milk
Sliven	Sliven	Zhelyu voivoda	-	11.12.2024	12.12.2024	blood	9 (clinical signs)	20	own consumption

RESTRICTION ZONES AND SURVEILLANCE

- 3 km protection zone (PZ) and 10 km surveillance zone (SZ)

By 12 Dec 2024

Haskovo - Restriction zones	No. of holdings	No. of small ruminants	No. of holdings checked	% holdings checked	No. of small ruminants examined	% SR examined animals	No. of sampled	% SR sampled
3 km	8	719	8	100	482	67.04	240	33.38
10 km	237	4955	inventory and clinical examinations ongoing					

By 12 Dec 2024

Zhelyu voivoda - Restriction zones	No. of holdings	No. of small ruminants	No. of holdings checked	% holdings checked	No. of small ruminants examined	% SR examined animals	No. of sampled	% SR sampled
3 km	32	624	32	100	624	100	624	100
10 km	82	6800	82	100	3508	51.59	0	0

- additional zone covering the entire municipalities of Radnevo, Galabovo, Opan, Stara Zagora from Stara Zagora region, the entire Haskovo region, the entire Sliven region, the municipalities of Straldzha, Yambol and Tundzha from Yambol

- Further restriction zones
- Additional national measures



MEASURES APPLIED IN THE AFFECTED HOLDINGS AND IN RESTRICTION ZONES

- Stamping out of all susceptible animals, present in the affected farm, and safe disposal of carcasses, followed by C&D procedures according to Reg. 2020/687.
- Epidemiological investigation to determine the source of infection.
- Census of all farms and susceptible animals in the restriction zones.
- Restrictions in relation to movement in restriction zones. Official controls on movements intended for immediate slaughter within the zone - after a clinical examination, temperature measurement and permission from an official veterinarian.
- Meat is subject of treatment in accordance with Annex VII of Reg 2020/687. Disposal of milk.
- Prohibition of fairs, markets and exhibitions (entire country), including grazing in restriction zones.
- Enhanced biosecurity and passive surveillance.
- Clinical examination and sampling (blood and swab samples).
- Enhanced passive surveillance and biosecurity, through awareness campaigns targeted to farmers and private veterinarians.
- A compensation for the farmers whose animals had been killed.

MEASURES IN THE FURTHER RESTRICTION ZONES

- Restrictions of trade, movement and transport of small ruminants, except for those subject to immediate slaughter following clinical examination and temperature measurement by an official veterinarian and transit consignments.
- Ban of markets and exhibitions of small ruminants.
- Cleaning and disinfection of the means of transport of the approved movements.
- Census of holdings and animals
- Clinical examinations on village level to detect 5% prevalence with LC 95%.
- Sampling of all suspect animals.



On 18 Oct 2024 the measures were expanded as follows:

NATIONAL MEASURES IN THE SOUTH REGIONS



 *South bordering areas under national restriction measures*

- **For the affected regions** (Stara Zagora, Yambol, Sliven, Haskovo):
 - ban of movement
 - ban of grazing
 - slaughter only within these regions, under official control – pre-movement clinical examination, pre-movement testing, pre-movement certificate issued by an official veterinarian, approval by the RFSD of destination.
- **For all south bordering regions** – possibility for movement for slaughter in a closest slaughterhouse or to another animal holding under the above-described conditions.
- Awareness campaigns
- Epi-commission meetings
- Increase of the biosecurity measures
- Sampling upon suspicion
- Movement control and inspections for illegal movement
- Information and cooperation with border police and custom services

Thank you!



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