

# **SHEEP AND GOAT POX – epidemiological situation in Bulgaria**

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*SC PAFF, 22-23/01/2025*

# Overview of the situation

- **14 outbreaks** confirmed so far in 2024 since September.
- **Five regions** (six settlements) affected in the south part of the country as follows:

+ 4 since last SCPAFF

+ 1 since last SCPAFF

- 4<sup>th</sup> September in Voynika village, **Yambol** region, 145 sheep – single outbreak in the region

- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct in **Stara Zagora**, Svoboden village, 394 sheep – single outbreak in the region

- Six outbreaks in **Haskovo** region, 3 in Uzundzhovo village (16 Oct – 524 sheep, 17 Oct – 313, 11 Nov - 180), 1 in Kapitan Andreevo village (08 Nov, 65 sheep and goats), 2 in the town of Haskovo (19 Nov – 145 sheep, 02 Dec – 30 sheep) – no outbreaks since beginning of Dec 2024 in Haskovo

- Five outbreaks in Sliven, Zhelyu voyvoda village, on 27 Nov – 150 sheep, and 12 Dec – 20 sheep, 27 Dec – 113 sheep, on 06 Jan – 13 sheep, 13 Jan – 13 sheep secondary outbreaks

- One in Kardzhali region, 18 Dec - Polk. Zhelyazovo village, 156 sheep – primary outbreak



2<sup>nd</sup> December – Haskovo

- 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – Voynika, Yambol
- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – Svoboden, Stara Zagora
- 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Uzundzhovo, Haskovo
- 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Uzundzhovo, Haskovo
- 08<sup>th</sup> Nov – Kapitan Andreevo, Haskovo
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Uzundzovo, Haskovo
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Haskovo
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Zhelyu voyvoda, Sliven
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Zhelyu voyvoda, Sliven
- 18 Dec – Polk. Zhelezarovo, Kardzhali
- 27 Dec – Zhelyu voyvoda, Sliven
- 06 Jan – Zhelyu voyvoda, Sliven
- 13 Jan – Zhelyu voyvoda, Sliven



# DEVELOPMENT SINCE THE LAST SCPAFF

## Region of Sliven

Location: Zhelyu voyvoda village

ADIS ref.: BG-CAPRIPOX-2024-00012, BG-CAPRIPOX-2025-00001, BG-CAPRIPOX-2025-00002

Confirmation: 27/12; 06/01; 13/01

Culling and disposal: 27/12; 08/01; 14/01



Region	Municipality	Settlement	Date of suspicion	Date of sampling	Date of confirmation	Type of samples	Affected animals	Census	Category
Sliven	Sliven	Zhelyu voyvoda	22/12/2024	23/12/2024	27/12/2024	blood	8	13	Own consumption
Sliven	Sliven	Zhelyu voyvoda	05/01/2025	05/01/2025	06/01/2025	blood	3	13	Own consumption
Sliven	Sliven	Zhelyu voyvoda	10/01/2025	10/01/2025	13/01/2025	blood	60	113	milk



# RESTRICTION ZONES AND SURVEILLANCE

- 3 km protection zone (PZ) and 10 km surveillance zone (SZ) around Zhelyu Voyvoda village

**16/12-29/12/2024**

ADIS Ref. BG-CAPRIPOX-2024-00010	No. of holdings	No. of small ruminants	No. of holdings checked	% holdings checked	No. of small ruminants examined	% SR examined	No. of small ruminants sampled	% SR sampled
3 km	34	1136	34	100	639	56.25	43**	upon suspicion
10 km	77	6633	77	100	2217	33.42	0	upon suspicion

**01/01-17/01/2025**

ADIS Ref. BG-CAPRIPOX-2024-00010	No. of holdings	No. of small ruminants	No. of holdings checked	% holdings checked	No. of small ruminants examined	% SR examined	No. of small ruminants sampled	% SR sampled
3 km	35	1069	35	100	1716*	160.52	26**	upon suspicion
10 km	77	6633	77	100	2217	33.424	0	upon suspicion

\*3 rounds of clinical examinations

\*\* samples only in suspect holdings

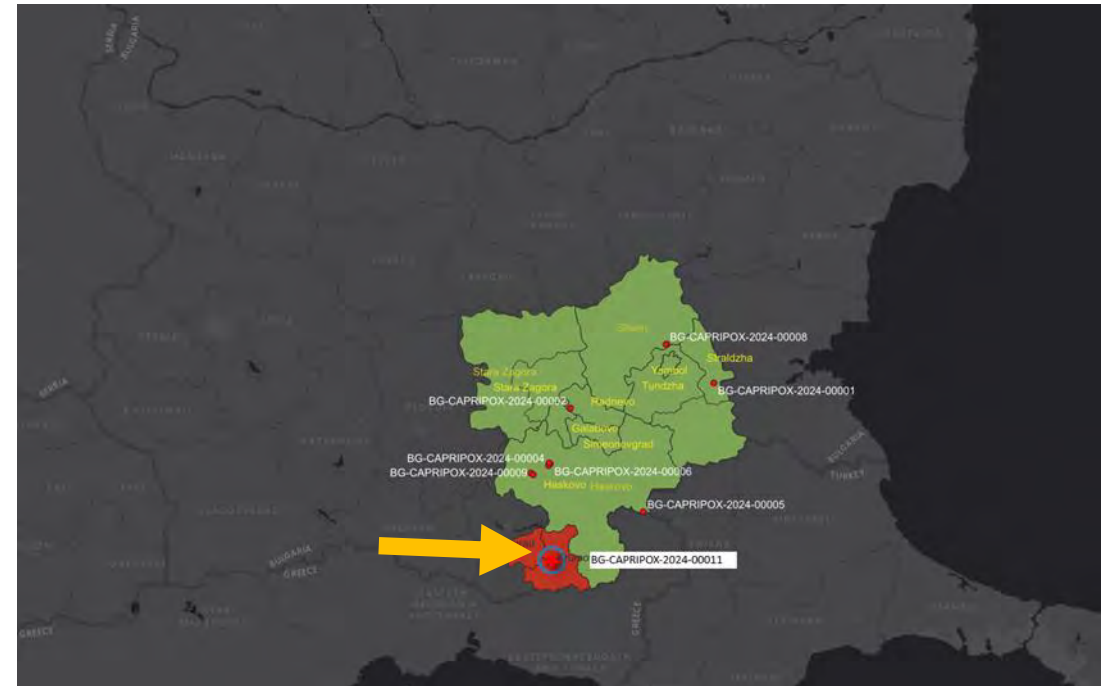
# DEVELOPMENT SINCE THE LAST SCPAFF

## Region of Kardzhali

Location: ADIS ref.: BG-CAPRIPOX-2024-00011

Confirmation: 18/12

Culling and disposal: 19/12



Region	Municipality	Village	Date of suspicion	Date of sampling	Date of confirmation	Type of samples	Affected animals	Census	Category
Kardzhali	Krumovgrad	Polk. Zhelezarovo	15/12/2024	17/12/2024	18/12/2024	blood	15	156	meat

# RESTRICTION ZONES AND SURVEILLANCE

- 3 km protection zone (PZ) and 10 km surveillance zone (SZ) in Karzdjali region, Polk. Zhelezarovo settlement

ADIS ref. No. BG-CAPRIPOX- 2024-00011	No. of holdings	No. of small ruminants	No. of holdings checked	% holdings checked	No. of small ruminants examined	% SR examined	No. of sampled animals	% SR sampled
3 KM	12	709	12	100	709	100	296	41.75
10 KM	84	7692	39	46.43	1498	19.47	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, the municipalities of Krumovgrad and Momchilgrad of Kardzhali region

# 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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