

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD)
BULGARIA 2011 outbreak

CHRONOLOGY OF MAIN EVENTS AND LIST OF DECISIONS
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Response to the outbreak in Bulgaria

Situation as at 9 November 2011

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This document summarises the basic information relating to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) in Bulgaria and related Union action. This focuses on the animal health aspects. A list of abbreviations can be found below.

For additional information, please refer to the Decisions in the [Official Journal](#), to the Commission's [foot and mouth disease webpage](#), including associated press releases. Several presentations mentioned in this chronology can be found there as well.

All Commission Decisions (CDs) can be accessed via the [EUR-Lex](#) webpages.

For more general animal health information, please refer to the Commission's [Animal Health](#) webpages.

List of abbreviations used:

BG	Bulgaria	LVU	Local Veterinary Unit
CD	Commission Decision	MS	Member State
CID	Commission Implementing Decision	NRL	National Reference Laboratory
CVO	Chief Veterinary Officer	OIE	World Organisation for Animal Health
EURL	EU Reference Laboratory for FMD in Pirbright	OJ	Official Journal of the European Union
EuFMD	European Commission for the Control of foot and mouth disease	SCoFCAH	Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health
FMD	Foot and mouth disease	TRACES	TRAdE Control and Expert System
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations		

Main events

Date	Main event	Action by the European Commission	Miscellaneous
WED 05/01/11 11:13	BG informs the European Commission about the occurrence of a case of FMD in a wild boar at the Makevtci area in the Burgas region in Bulgaria.		On 30 December 2010, three wild boars were shot in Makevtci and one of those displayed feet lesions. Preliminary laboratory tests for the detection of FMD viral antigen gave positive results, indicative for a recent infection.
WED 05/01/11 13:40		Fax 1 to MS CVOs: The Commission informs about the outbreak of FMD in wild boar in Bulgaria and that In accordance with TRACES data, no live animals nor fresh pigmeat or pigmeat products have been dispatched by the region of Burgas to the other MSs	
THU 06/01/11 17:43			BG informs the European Commission about the developments in the situation and measures implemented.
THU 06/01/11 18:00		Fax 2 to MS CVOs: for information, the text of the Decision in English to be adopted by the Commission at 19:00H today.	
THU 06/01/11 19:00	The Commission adopts Commission Decision of 6.1.2011 concerning interim protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Bulgaria C(2011) 70 final		

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FRI 07/01/11 10:00		Fax 3 to MS CVOs: for information, further information provided by Bulgaria on the measures implemented in accordance with Council Directive 2003/85/EC of 29 September 2003 on Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease.	
FRI 07/01/11 12:00		The Commission issues a press release IP/11/15 on the FMD outbreak in Bulgaria and the adoption of Commission Decision of 6.1.2011 concerning interim protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Bulgaria C(2011) 70 final)	
FRI 07/01/11 17:36	BG informs the European Commission about the on sampling for laboratory testing of susceptible biungulate animals in the restricted areas		
FRI 07/01/11 18:12	FMD EURL sends interim report with the preliminary results confirming the results of the Bulgarian FMD NRL		
FRI 07/01/11 18:44		Fax 4 to MS CVOs: for information, further information provided by Bulgaria on the sampling for laboratory testing of susceptible biungulate animals in the restricted areas and interim tests carried out so far at the FMD EURL, Pirbright, UK	

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<p>SUN 09/01/11 19:47</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission about the detection of FMD outbreaks in domestic animals on holdings in Kosti Village, Tsarevo municipality, Burgas region, following the first laboratory results from the National Reference Laboratory for FMD from samples taken in the villages that are in the vicinity of the place where the infected wild boar were found.</p>		
<p>MON 10/01/11 10:42</p>		<p>Fax 5 to MS CVOs: The Commission informs about detection by BG competent authorities of FMD outbreaks in domestic animals on holdings in Kosti Village, Tsarevo municipality, Burgas region</p>	
<p>MON 10/01/11 11:00</p>		<p>Commissioner John Dalli has a phone conversation with the Minister of Agriculture of Bulgaria in order to discuss the FMD situation in Bulgaria.</p>	

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<p>MON 10/01/11 20:24</p>	<p>BG sends to the Commission further information on the sampling for laboratory testing of susceptible biungulate animals carried out in the restricted areas</p>		
<p>TUE 11/01/11 09:00</p>		<p>Commission Decision 2010/8/EU of 6 January 2011 concerning interim protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Bulgaria published in the Official Journal [OJ L 6, 11.1.2011, p.15]</p>	
<p>TUE 11/01/11 11:30</p>		<p>Fax 6 to MS CVOs: for information, further information provided by Bulgaria on the sampling for laboratory testing of susceptible biungulate animals in the restricted areas and on publication of the CD 2010/8/EU.</p>	
<p>TUE 11/01/11 18:15</p>	<p>EURL for FMD in Pirbright, UK sends the FMD genotyping report</p>		
<p>TUE 11/01/11 20:31</p>	<p>BG sends to the Commission further information concerning killing of susceptible animals in Kosti village (primary outbreak in domestic animals) and further sampling for laboratory testing of susceptible biungulate animals carried out in 3 municipalities.</p>		

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WEN 12/01/11 09:00		Bilateral meeting of the Bulgarian competent authorities and the Commission (DG SANCO) in Brussels.	
WEN 12/01/11 10:30		Fax 7 to MS CVOs: for information, FMD genotyping report provided by EURL for FMD in Pirbright, UK and further information concerning killing of susceptible animals in Kosti village (primary outbreak in domestic animals) and further sampling for laboratory testing of susceptible biungulate animals carried out in Tsarevo, Malko Tarnov and Sredets municipalities.	
WEN 12/01/11 11:15		Bulgaria gave an update of the situation. The presentation given by BG authorities can be found here .	
WEN 12/01/11 15:30	Meeting of the SCoFCAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft Decision confirming the measures taken by the Commission in line with EU legislation, with a number of technical modifications, was endorsed by the SCoFCAH. • The Decision will remain in force until 31 March 2011 and the Commission will review it, including during the meetings of the Committee, in the light of the evolution of the disease situation. 	

Date	Main event	Action by the European Commission	Miscellaneous
<p>WEN 12/01/11 20:57</p>	<p>BG sends to the Commission information concerning further tests of the samples taken from susceptible animals in Malko Tarnovo municipality (so far all tests negative) and update on culling of susceptible animals carried out in Kosti village.</p>		
<p>THU 13/01/11 11:03</p>	<p>BG sends to the Commission a list of holdings in the high risk area (region of Burgas) approved for the purpose of application of Article 1(9)(a) of draft CD unanimously supported by all Member States during the SCoFCAH meeting on 12 January 2011.</p>		
<p>THU 13/01/11 11:28</p>		<p>Fax 8 to MS CVOs: for information, text of the CD endorsed yesterday by the SCoFCAH and link to the presentation given by the BG delegation during the SCoFCAH meeting and further information provided in the evening of 12 January 2011 by BG to the Commission.</p>	

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THU 13/01/11 17:30		Fax 9 to MS CVOs: for information, a list of holdings in the high risk area (region of Burgas) approved by the Bulgarian authorities for the purpose of application of Article 1(9)(a) of draft CD concerning certain protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Bulgaria unanimously supported by all Member States during the SCoFCAH meeting on 12 January 2011.	
THU 13/01/11 20:31	BG sends to the Commission information concerning further tests results of the samples taken from susceptible animals in the municipalities of Malko Tarnovo, Sredets and Tsarevo (so far all negative) and update on culling of susceptible animals carried out in Kosti village.		
FRI 14/01/11 12:30		Fax 10 to MS CVOs: for information, further information provided in the evening of 13 January 2011 by BG to the Commission.	

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<p>FRI 14/01/11 19:52</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission further sampling of domestic animals in Tsarevo municipality and that during culling of a herd of 94 bovines in Kosti village lesions were found in some of them. Samples were taken for additional testing.</p>		
<p>SAT 15/01/11 12:30</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission on the clinical signs (mouth and feet lesions) in 8 cattle in Resovo village, Tsarevo municipality, region of Burgas, located 22 km from the first outbreak in Kosti at the very south-eastern corner of Bulgaria at the border with Turkey.</p>		
<p>SUN 16/01/11 12:30</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission on a further actions taken in the villages of Kosti and Resovo (culling of susceptible animals and disposal of the carcasses)</p>		

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MON 17/01/11		The Commission deploys a mission of the experts of the EU Veterinary Emergency Team to Bulgaria to assist on the spot the Bulgarian authorities.	
MON 17/01/11 12:28		Fax 11 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on measures taken during the weekend of 14-16 January 2011 by BG.	
MON 17/01/11 20:10	BG informs the Commission on a laboratory confirmation of FMD presence in the samples taken from cattle showing clinical signs in Rezovo village , Tsarevo municipality, Burgas region and further action taken.		
TUE 18/01/11 10:22		Fax 12 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the laboratory confirmation of FMD presence in the samples taken from cattle showing clinical signs in Resovo village and about the on the spot visit of EU Veterinary Emergency Team in Bulgaria.	
TUE 18/01/11 16:10	Meeting of the CVOs in the Council	Bulgarian delegation gave an update of the FMD situation to the CVOs of the other MSs.	
TUE 18/01/11 20:57	BG informs the Commission on the further measures taken in Resovo village		

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<p>WEN 19/01/11 11:00</p>	<p>The Commission adopts Commission Decision of 19.1.2011 concerning protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Bulgaria [C(2011)179 final]</p>		
<p>WEN 19/01/11 13:23</p>		<p>Fax 13 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the further measures taken in Resovo village and on the adoption of the CD of 19.1.2011 [C(2011)179].</p>	
<p>WEN 19/01/11 18:42</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission on further measures taken in the villages of Resovo and Kosti</p>		
<p>THU 20/01/11 11:47</p>		<p>Fax 14 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the further measures taken in the villages of Resovo and Kosti</p>	
<p>FRI 21/01/11 15:22</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission on further measures taken during 20 and 21 January 2011 in the villages of Resovo and Kosti and on clinical checks in other settlements of the region of Burgas (no further cases of clinical signs of FMD)</p>		

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FRI 21/01/11 16:52		Fax 15 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the further measures taken during 20 and 21 January 2011 in the villages of Resovo and Kosti and on clinical checks in other settlements of the region of Burgas (no further cases of clinical signs of FMD)	
SAT 22/01/11		<u>Commission Decision 2011/44/EU</u> of 19 January 2011 concerning protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Bulgaria published in the Official Journal L 19, 22.1.2011, p. 20	
MON 24/01/11 12:57		Fax 16 to MS CVOs: for information, information on the publication of CD 2011/44/EU.	
MON 24/01/11 17:50	BG informs the Commission on further measures taken during 22 and 24 January 2011 in Burgas region of and re-sampling of susceptible animals in all settlements of Tsarevo municipality and the settlements of municipalities of Malko Tarnovo and Sredets		
TUE 25/01/11 12:06		Fax 17 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the further measures taken during 22 and 24 January 2011 in Burgas region and re-sampling of susceptible animals in all settlements of Tsarevo municipality and the settlements of municipalities of Malko Tarnovo and Sredets	

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TUE 25/01/11 19:35	BG informs the Commission on the further clinical checks carried out in the region of Burgas (no clinical signs observed) on 25 January 2011		
WEN 26/01/11 17:16	BG informs the Commission on the further clinical checks carried out in the region of Burgas (no clinical signs observed) on 26 January 2011		
WEN 26/01/11 18:13		Fax 18 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the further clinical checks carried out in the region of Burgas during 25 and 26 January 2011	
THU 27/01/11 19:20	BG informs the Commission on the further clinical checks carried out in the region of Burgas (no clinical signs observed) on 27 January 2011		
FRI 28/01/11 18:38	BG informs the Commission on the further clinical checks carried out in the region of Burgas (no clinical signs observed) on 28 January 2011		

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FRI 28/01/11 18:52		Fax 19 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the further clinical checks carried out in the region of Burgas during 27 and 28 January 2011	
MON 31/01/11 12:36	BG informs the Commission about the detection of third FMD outbreak in domestic animals on holdings in Gramatikovo village, Malko Tarnovo municipality, Burgas region, following the laboratory results from the National Reference Laboratory for FMD located in the 10 km surveillance zone around the first outbreak in the village of Kosti village, Tsarevo municipality.		
MON 31/01/11 17:38		Fax 20 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the detection of third FMD outbreak in domestic animals on holdings in Gramatikovo village, Malko Tarnovo municipality, Burgas region	
TUE 01/02/11 11:00	Meeting of the SCoFAH	Bulgaria gave an update of the situation. The presentation given by BG authorities can be found here . EU Veterinary Emergency Team mission on FMD in Bulgaria carried out between 17 and 21 January 2011 was presented (presentation can be found here).	

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TUE 01/02/11 14:47		Fax 21 to MS CVOs: for information, information providing links to the presentations given during the SCoFCAH meeting	
WEN 02/02/11	81 th Session of the Executive Committee of the EuFMD , Budapest, Hungary	Bulgaria gave a presentation on the current situation	
THU 03/02/11	The First "Veterinary Forum for the South-East European region, Budapest, Hungary	Bulgaria gave an update of the situation. The presentation given by BG authorities can be found here .	
FRI 04/02/11			
MON 07/02/11 18:37	BG informs the Commission on the further clinical checks and re-sampling carried out in the region of Burgas (no clinical signs observed and all samples tested so far negative)		
TUE 08/02/11 12:50		Fax 22 to MS CVOs: for information, information on the further clinical checks and re-sampling carried out in the region of Burgas	

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<p>TUE 08/02/11 17:35</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission on the further clinical checks and re-sampling carried out in the region of Burgas (no clinical signs observed and all test results negative) on 8 February 2011</p>		
<p>WEN 09/02/11 18:22</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission on the further clinical checks and re-sampling carried out in the region of Burgas (no clinical signs observed and all test results negative) on 9 February 2011</p>		
<p>THU 10/02/11 09:45</p>		<p>Fax 23 to MS CVOs: for information, information on the further clinical checks and re-sampling carried out in the region of Burgas on 8 and 9 February 2011</p>	
<p>THU 17/02/11 12:34</p>	<p>BG sends to the Commission the Report of the BG CVO concerning the epidemiological situation on FMD in Bulgaria in the region of Burgas.</p>		

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FRI 18/02/11 15:45	Meeting of the CVOs in the Council	Bulgarian delegation gave an update of the FMD situation to the CVOs of the other MSs.	
FRI 18/02/11 17:09		Fax 24 to MS CVOs: for information, Report of the BG CVO concerning the epidemiological situation on FMD in Bulgaria in the region of Burgas.	
TUE 01/03/11 10:00	Meeting of the SCoFCAH	<p>Bulgaria gave an update of the situation. The presentation given by BG authorities can be found here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft Implementing Decision amending CD 2011/44/EU as regards reduction of the size of the high-risk area to the two municipalities only (Malko Tarnovo and Tsarevo) and inclusion in the low-risk area only the three surrounding municipalities of the Burgas region, was endorsed by the SCoFCAH. • The Decision will remain in force until 30 April 2011 and the Commission will review it, including during the meetings of the Committee, in the light of the evolution of the disease situation. 	
WEN 02/03/11 12:00		The Commission issues a press release IP/11/245 on the endorsement by the SCoFCAH of the draft CID amending Decision 2011/44/EU concerning certain protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Bulgaria	
WEN 02/03/11 17:13		Fax 25 to MS CVOs: for information, a text of the CID endorsed by the SCoFCAH on 1 March 2011 and a link to the presentation given by the BG delegation during the SCoFCAH meeting.	

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<p>SAT 19/03/11 16:52</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission about the detection of a fourth FMD outbreak in beef cattle on fenced grass in the west part of Strandja Mountain (3 km from the closest village – Kirovo), Sredets municipality, Burgas region, 42 km to the West from the last outbreak in the village of Gramatikovo, Malko Tarnovo municipality.</p>		
<p>MON 21/03/11 11:05</p>		<p>Fax 26 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the detection of fourth FMD outbreak in domestic animals on a holding in Sredets municipality, Burgas region</p>	

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<p>TUE 22/03/11 12:00</p>	<p>Meeting of the CVOs in the Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulgarian delegation presented an update of the FMD situation to the CVOs of the other MSs. • The Commission announced that due to the latest outbreak on 19 March 2011 in the municipality of Sredets the Commission will not formally adopt the draft Implementing Decision amending CD 2011/44/EU as regards reduction of the size of the high-risk area to the two municipalities only (Malko Tarnovo and Tsarevo) and inclusion in the low-risk area only the three surrounding municipalities of the Burgas region, endorsed by the SCoFCAH on 1 March 2011. • Instead, a new draft Implementing Decision was distributed to the CVOs that intends to retain the larger regionalisation, as originally set up in Decision 2011/44/EU, and extends the date of application until 30 June 2011. 	
<p>WEN 23/03/11 10:00</p>	<p>Meeting of the <u>SCoFCAH</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft Implementing Decision retaining the larger regionalisation, as originally set up in Decision 2011/44/EU, and extending the date of application until 30 June 2011 was endorsed by SCoFCAH. • The measures will continue to be reviewed in the light of the disease evolution, including during the SCoFCAH meetings. 	
<p>WEN 23/03/11 14:00</p>		<p>Fax 27 to MS CVOs: for information, a text of the CID endorsed by the SCoFCAH on 23 March 2011</p>	

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<p>THU 24/03/11 11:29</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission about the confirmation of the fifth FMD outbreak in a cattle herd on the holding in one of the villages in the 10 km surveillance zone – Granichar, (6 km from the infected holding in the west part of Strandja Mountain), Sredets municipality, Burgas region.</p>		
<p>THU 24/03/11 16:00</p>		<p>Fax 28 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the detection of fifth FMD outbreak in domestic animals on a holding in one of the villages in the 10 km surveillance zone – Granichar – in Sredets municipality, Burgas region.</p>	
<p>FRI 25/03/11 10:00</p>	<p>FAO/OIE/EC Tripartite meeting (Greece, Bulgaria, Turkey) on FMD Control in the Southern Balkans, in Plovdiv, Bulgaria</p>	<p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ role of wild boar in FMD epidemiology; review and perspective for further epidemic development in the Strandzha ecosystem; ▪ FMD situation and control measures in BG and Turkey, ▪ FMD surveillance carried out in the three countries; 	

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<p>FRI 25/03/11 18:09</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission about the confirmation of 3 further FMD outbreaks in domestic animals in Sredets municipality on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ -a cattle holding located nearby Goliamo Bukowo village (outbreak 6); ✓ a cattle and pigs holding located nearby Fakira village (outbreak 7); ✓ a cattle holding nearby Momina Tsarkva village (outbreak 8) 		
<p>MON 28/03/11 10:51</p>		<p>Fax 29 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the detection of sixth, seventh and eighth FMD outbreak in domestic animals on the holdings in Sredets municipality, Burgas region.</p>	
<p>THU 31/03/11 09:00</p>		<p><u>Commission Implementing Decision 2011/198/EU</u> of 30 March 2011 amending Decision 2011/44/EU concerning certain protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Bulgaria was published today in the Official Journal [OJ L 85, 31.3.2011, p. 10]</p>	
<p>THU 31/03/11 10:30</p>		<p>Fax 30 to MS CVOs: for information, information on the publication of CD 2011/198/EU extending application date of Decision 2011/44/EU till 30 June 2011.</p>	

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<p>SUN 03/04/11 21:39</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission about the confirmation of the ninth FMD outbreak in domestic animals in Bliznak village, Malko Tarnovo municipality, Burgas region</p>		
<p>MON 04/04/11 10:50</p>	<p>Meeting of the SCoFAH</p>	<p>Bulgaria gave an update of the situation. The presentation given by BG authorities can be found here.</p>	
<p>MON 04/04/11 12:26</p>		<p>CVO of BG provides informally "Plan for the control of food-and-mouth disease (FMD) in susceptible wildlife in the southeast of Bulgaria"</p>	
<p>MON 04/04/11 13:51</p>		<p>Fax 31 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the detection of ninth FMD outbreak in domestic animals on the holding in Bliznak village, Malko Tarnovo municipality, Burgas region</p>	

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<p>MON 04/04/11 17:24</p>	<p>BG clarifies to the Commission the information sent on 3 April 2011, indicating that there were two FMD outbreaks (ninth and tenth) confirmed on 3 April 2011 in domestic animals in backyard holdings in Bliznak village and on a holding locates 2 km apart in Malko Tarnovo municipality, Burgas region</p>		
<p>TUE 05/04/11 14:00</p>		<p>Meeting with Bulgarian authorities to discuss the draft "Plan for the control of food-and-mouth disease (FMD) in susceptible wildlife in the southeast of Bulgaria"</p>	
<p>TUE 05/04/11 17:17</p>		<p>Fax 32 to MS CVOs: for information, clarifications provided by BG to the Commission as regards the confirmation of the two FMD outbreaks (ninth and tenth) reported on 3 April in Malko Tarnovo municipality, Burgas region</p>	
<p>THU 07/04/11 17:02</p>	<p>BG informs the Commission about the confirmation of the eleventh FMD outbreak in domestic animals in Dolno Yabalkovo village, Sredets municipality, Burgas region</p>		

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THU 07/04/11 18:40		Fax 33 to MS CVOs: for information, information provided by BG to the Commission on the detection of the eleventh FMD outbreak in domestic animals on a holding in Dolno Yabalkovo village, Sredets municipality, Burgas region	
MON 11/04/11	Joint meeting of EuFMD Research Group/FAO EMPRES Wildlife Unit on the risks of persistence of FMD circulation in wild boar/wildlife in South-East Bulgaria and Turkish Thrace, in Berlin, Germany	The purpose of the meeting was: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to identify gaps in knowledge, and priorities for follow-up actions, in order to improve guidance to countries on surveillance for infection (or its absence); ▪ to review the findings of FMD surveillance in domestic and wildlife species in Bulgaria and Turkey; ▪ to review findings from FMD experiment studies in wild boar, and to identify the likelihood of persistence of virus circulation in the wildlife in the region of South-East Bulgaria and Turkish Thrace. 	
TUE 12/04/11			
TUE 26/04/11 17:00	FAO/OIE/EC Tripartite meeting (Greece, Bulgaria, Turkey) on FMD Control in The Southern Balkans, in Rome, Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bulgaria and Turkey gave an updated on the FMD situation in their countries, and ▪ The three countries provided information on the surveillance in place, 	
WEN 27/04/11	39 th General Session of the EuFMD , Rome, Italy, FAO Headquarters	The agenda of the Session can be found here	
THU 28/04/11			
MON 02/05/11 11:00	Meeting of the SCoFCAH	Bulgaria gave an update of the situation and presented the "Plan for the control of food-and-mouth disease (FMD) in susceptible wildlife in the southeast of Bulgaria". The presentation given by BG authorities can be found here .	

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TUE 31/05/11 12:30	Meeting of the SCoFAH	<p>Bulgaria gave an update of the situation. The presentation given by BG authorities can be found here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft Implementing Decision amending CD 2011/44/EU as regards reduction of the size of the high-risk area to the municipalities of Malko Tarnovo and Tsarevo and part of Sredets and inclusion in the low-risk area the three surrounding municipalities of the Burgas region (Sozopol, Primorsko and part of Sredets) and in the region of Yambol (part of the municipality of Straldzha and the municipality of Bolyarovo), was endorsed by the SCoFAH. • The Decision will remain in force until 30 September 2011 and the Commission will review it, including during the meetings of the Committee, in the light of the evolution of the disease situation. 	
WEN 01/06/11 18:00		<p>Fax 34 to MS CVOs: for information, a text of the CID endorsed by the SCoFAH on 31 May 2011 and a link to the presentation given by the BG delegation during the SCoFAH meeting.</p>	
FRI 01/07/11 09:00		<p>Commission Implementing Decision 2011/388198/EU of 29 June 2011 amending Decision 2011/44/EU concerning certain protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Bulgaria was published today in the Official Journal [OJ L 173, 1.7.2011, p. 10]</p>	
FRI 01/07/11 10:30		<p>Fax 35 to MS CVOs: for information, information on the publication of CD 2011/388/EU reducing high risk area and extending application date of Decision 2011/44/EU till 30 September 2011.</p>	

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WEN 07/07/11 12:00	Meeting of the SCoFCAH	<p>Bulgaria gave an update of the situation and presented the plan for the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease in wild animals in Bulgaria. The presentation given by BG authorities can be found here.</p> <p>A draft Commission Implementing Decision approving the plan for the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease in wild animals in Bulgaria was endorsed by the SCoFCAH. The plan covers parts of the regions of Burgas, Yambol and Haskovo (bordering Turkish Thrace) and describes the measures taken to eradicate the disease in the area defined as infected and the measures applied on the holdings in that area.</p>	
WEN 06/08/11 09:00		<p>Commission Implementing Decision 2011/493/EU of 5 August 2011 approving the plan for the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease in wild animals in Bulgaria published in the Official Journal L 203, 6.8.2011, p. 32 (Only the Bulgarian text is authentic)</p>	
WEN 07/09/11 15:00	Meeting of the SCoFCAH	<p>Bulgaria gave an update of the FMD situation and of the progress in implementation of their "Plan for the control of food-and-mouth disease (FMD) in susceptible wildlife in the southeast of Bulgaria". The presentation given by BG authorities can be found here.</p>	
TUE 08/11/11 16:00	Meeting of the SCoFCAH	<p>Bulgaria gave an update of the FMD situation and of the progress in implementation of their "Plan for the control of food-and-mouth disease (FMD) in susceptible wildlife in the southeast of Bulgaria". The presentation given by BG authorities can be found here.</p>	