

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD BULGARIAN FOOD SAFETY AGENCY



# Sheep pox virus outbreak and control measures in Bulgaria

PAFF Committee, Brussels 19-20.10.2023

## **Sheep pox virus epidemiological situation, 2023**

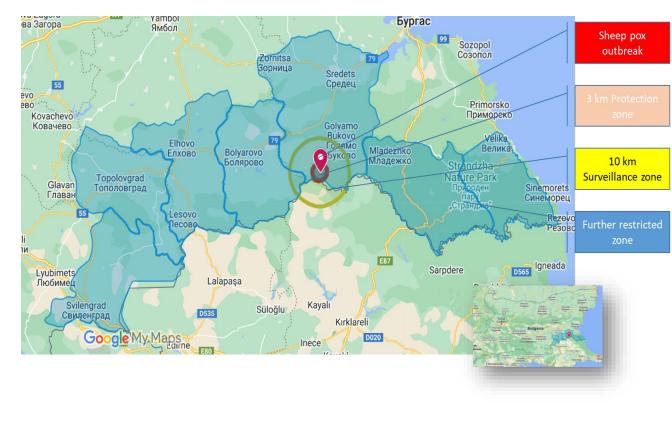




F	Region	Municip	Village	Date of suspicion	Date of	Date of	Date of	Date of	Type of	Affected	Census	Category
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					g	n		C&D				
E	Burgas	Sredets	Gorno Yabalkov O	15.09.2023, within the implementation of passive surveillance /THRACE porgramme	15.09.20 23	16.09.2023	17.09.2023	18.09.2023	blood	4 (nasal mucous discharge, papular rashes on the muzzle, nonhairy parts of the body)	sheep	Milk/meat

#### ACTIONS AND MEASURES ENFORCED IN THE AFFECTED FARM AND RESTRICTION MEASURES

- Stamping out of all susceptible animals in the affected farm
- Safe disposal of carcasses, followed by C&D procedures
- Establishment of restriction zone 3 km (PZ) and 10 km (SZ) and further restricted (FR) zones; CID 2023/2067; Only FR zone since 19.10.2023
- Surveillance in the restriction zones:
- Clinical examination and sampling (blood and swab samples) (5%prevalence (LC 95%) per holding) in 3 km and 10 km zones
- Clinical examination (5%prevalence (LC 95%) per village) and sampling in case of suspicion (blood and swab samples) in the further restricted zone.



*Surveillance activities carried out in the restriction zone, 16.09-13.10.2023* 

								sampling			
Region	Zone	animal population			clinical surveillance			blood samples salvia swabs			bs
		holdings, n	sheep	goat	holdings, n	sheep	goat	sheep	goat	sheep	goat
Burgas	3-10 km zone	20	1769	334	71	3148	740	514	103	514	103
Burgas Burgas	3-10 Kill 2011e	94		1528					105	514	105
Yabmol		212									
Haskovo	Further restricted zone	120	8951	2878	83	1975	570				

#### ACTIONS AND MEASURES ENFORCED IN THE AFFECTED FARM AND RESTRICTION MEASURES

- Indoor keeping of susceptible animals in 3 and 10 km zone;
- Restriction on the movement and official control of animal and risk products movements, including reproductive materials and ABP;
- Ban on the movement of animals and risk products from the PZ and SZ. Meat and milk are subject of treatment in accordance with Annex VII of Reg. 2020/687;
- Movements of animals kept in the further restricted zone to a destination outside may be authorized only for immediate slaughter to a slaughterhouse located within the territory of Bulgaria, following the the requirements of CID (EU) 2023/2067 of 26 September 2023 concerning certain interim emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Bulgaria.
- Prohibition of fairs, markets, exhibitions and other concentrations of livestock.

## ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES

Epidemiological considerations:

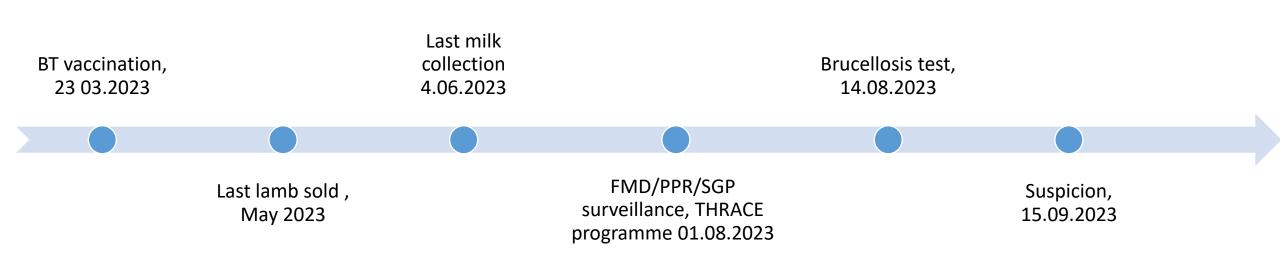
The village concerned is a small size village – 3 small ruminant holdings (303 susceptible animals), 7 households in total;

- The farm concerned family farm, close cycle, the animals are under selection, feed is own production, own equipment. The wool is storage in the farm. No workers/herdsman.
- High awareness of the farmer about the risk related to TAD diseases



- Movement patterns:

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## **ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES**

- > Epidemiological considerations:
- Sparsely populated area;



- Extensive production system, animals are grazed on own pastures, production of lambs and milk, subsidized by the government, high % of non professionalized holdings;
- The wool is not a production factor;

Sheeps dersity 18.9 24.8 24	9.4 8.3 15.7		Region	No. of small ruminants
	18.9   22.3   Sheeps density     24.8   9.4%     18.9%   23.3%	16.3 Goats density   □ 10.0% □ 10.7%   □ 14.7%	territory	

## **ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES**

- Possible source of infection:
- Illegal movement of animals -no data, no events, low probability
- Infected equipment/commodities no movement, no shared equipment, no workers were in place;
- Wildlife not enough scientific data;
- Movement of animals crossing the border low probability, fence along the border;
- Refugees?





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Regions under clinical surveillance for FMD, PPR and SGP, 59 holdings per month Villages under the THRACE project – clinical surveillance and laboratory testing

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## ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES

Види

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Монтана

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Перник

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Благоеві

Vratsa

Враца

Serres

Pazardzhik

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Sofia

София

- T.H.R.A.C.E. TADs and programmes – risk based surveillance of FMD, SGP, PPR, LSD:
- Clinical examination on monthly basis;
- Serological surveillance every 3 months (small ruminants).
- Target 5% prevalence (LC 95%)
- LSD vaccination
- $\geq$ Epizootic commission at regional and municipal levels;
- Enhanced biosecurity and passive surveillance;  $\succ$
- Enhanced passive surveillance and biosecurity, through awareness campaigns  $\geq$ targeted to farmers and private veterinarians.



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# Thank you for you attention

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