SHEEP AND GOAT POX – epidemiological situation in Bulgaria

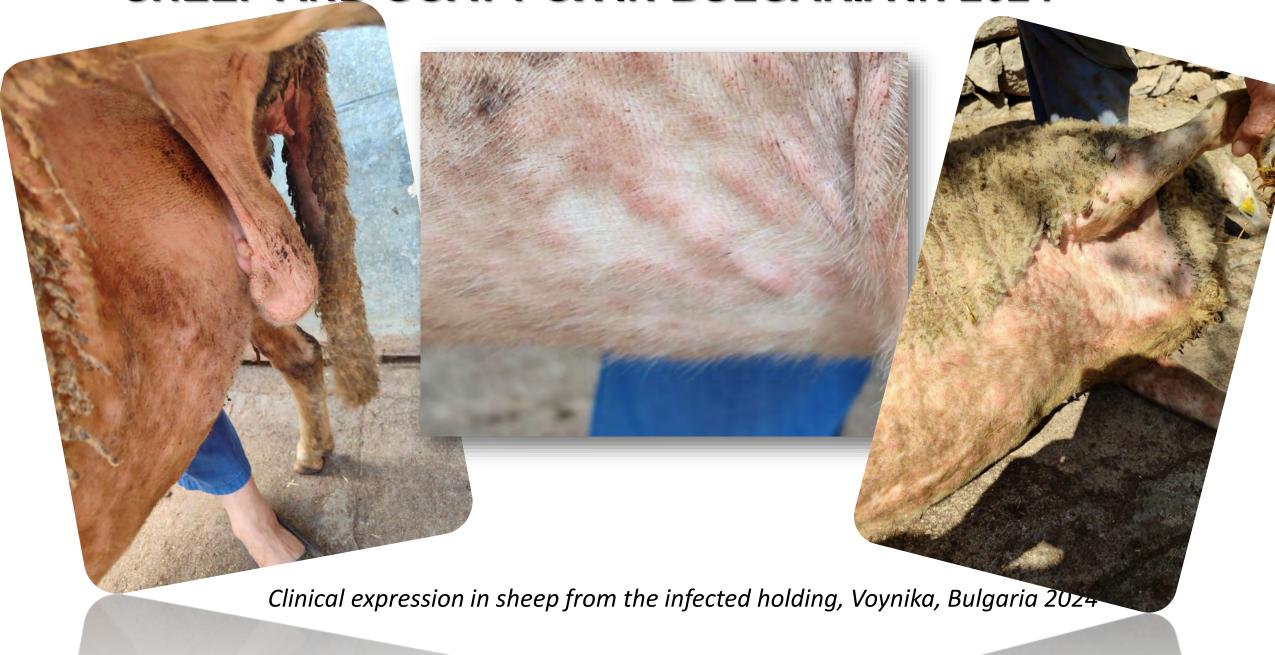


SHEEP AND GOAT POX IN BULGARIA IN 2024

- SPG outbreak on 4th of September in Voynika village, Straldzha municipality, Yambol region.
- Suspicion on 02.09.2024 reported by the owner of the farm
- On official inspection, the clinical signs referred to rashes in the abdominal area and high T in 3 animals (out of 144) without any other symptoms.
- Samples (blood) were taken and further confirmed positive for SGPV by the National Reference Laboratory CSF/ASF/ Capripoxviride on 09/04/2024.

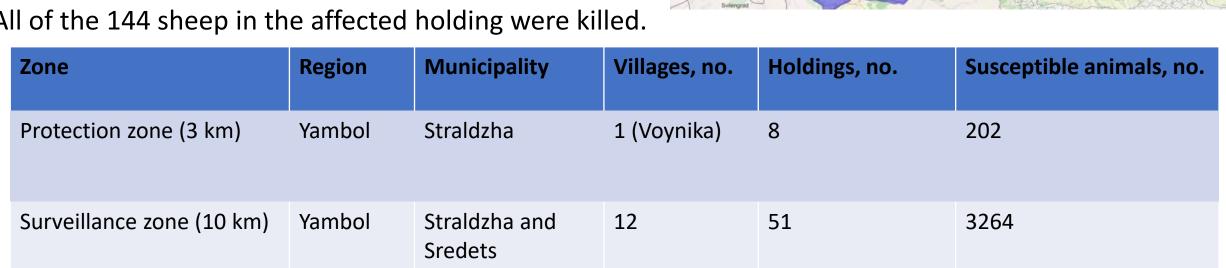


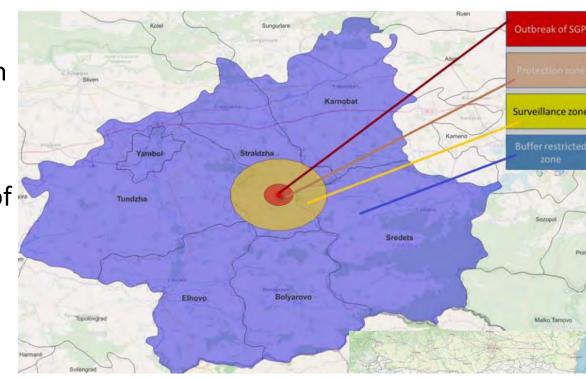
SHEEP AND GOAT POX IN BULGARIA IN 2024



MEASURES

- Measures according to the CDR (EU) 2020/687 and CID (EU) 2024/2466 of 11 September 2024 concerning certain interim emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Bulgaria restriction zones have been established:
- 3 km protection zone (PZ) and 10 km surveillance zone (SZ)
- additional buffer zone (BZ) covering the municipalities of Yambol region and two municipalities of Burgas region.
- 8 holdings with 202 susceptible animals (165 sheep and 37 goats) in PZ. The animals in this zone have been tested and the results are negative.
- 51 holdings with 3265 goats and sheep in SZ
- All of the 144 sheep in the affected holding were killed.





RESTRICTION MEASURES AND ACTIONS APPLIED IN THE AFFECTED HOLDINGS

- 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 beyond the EU requirements in relation to movement restrictions in PZ, SZ and in the BZ. Enhanced official controls on movements intended for immediate slaughter and after a clinical examination, temperature measurement and permission from an official veterinarian, or of such transiting animals. Control of the official veterinarian on the consignments for immediate slaughter of animal from PZ and SZ.
- Meat and milk are subject of treatment in accordance with Annex VII of Reg 2020/687.
- Prohibition of fairs, markets and exhibitions (entire country), including grazing (in PZ and SZ).
- Enhanced biosecurity and passive surveillance.
- Clinical examination and sampling (blood and swab samples) in PZ and SZ.
- Clinical examination (5% prevalence (LC 95%) per village) and sampling in case of suspicion (blood and swab samples) in BZ.
- 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 DURING THE OUTBREAK IN



SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL PROGRAMMES





TAD programme

THRACE programme

SURVEILLANCE RESULTS

Surveillance in TADs regions (south bordering area of Bulgaria)

- Jan 2024 - Aug 2024

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			No. of			
			small	% small		
	No. of holdings	% interim	ruminants	ruminants		
Region	inspected	implementation	examined	coverage		
Blagoevgrad	720		24625			
Burgas	248		11165			
Yambol	312		9325			
Kardzhali	397	122,7 %	14510	21,5%		
Haskovo	377		11626			
Smolyan	553		14589			
Total:	2607		85840			

Clinical examinations in holdings based on risk-based approach (CL95%, P5%) -> overall surveillance exceeds the interim targets of the programme

Surveillance in restriction areas around the outbreak

	No. of holdings inspecte	% coverage in 3	No. of samples	% small ruminants
Region	d	and 10 km zones	collected	sampled
Yambol	52	100%	1465	49,7%
Burgas	6	100%	171	45,6%

All small ruminant holdings in the restriction zones were covered by clinical examinations and sampling -> so far no evidence for further spread of the disease

OTHER MEASURES

In the context of epi-situation with PPR in the region, enhanced measures were applied as follows:

- Enhanced clinical examinations of small ruminants in the bordering regions also on the west and north bordering areas of the country.
- Epi-commissions meetings on regional levels (RFSD, local government, police, other stakeholders).
- Ban for trade of small ruminants in live markets.
- Ban of exhibitions or other events with small ruminants.
- Official veterinarians in slaughterhouses to inform the central level of BFSA 24 hours before slaughter of small ruminants.
- Cooperation with the Bulgarian Union of Veterinarians for awareness campaigns
- Instructions to police and joint inspections for illegal animal movements



AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS



ащо е от изключителна важност да проверявате радовно всички животни от Вашето стадо. Еслко

Ла незаповно да се съпошава на ветеринарем обявлването на болестта е задължително и е от ветерина заможно за дегамина высочи за можето на пооществено значение за ограничаване на по

Also available on the official website of the BESA



AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Another leaflet for transboundary diseases, including SGP, PPR and other TADs is available

Thank you!

