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Third Case of Bluetongue Confirmed in Czech Republic

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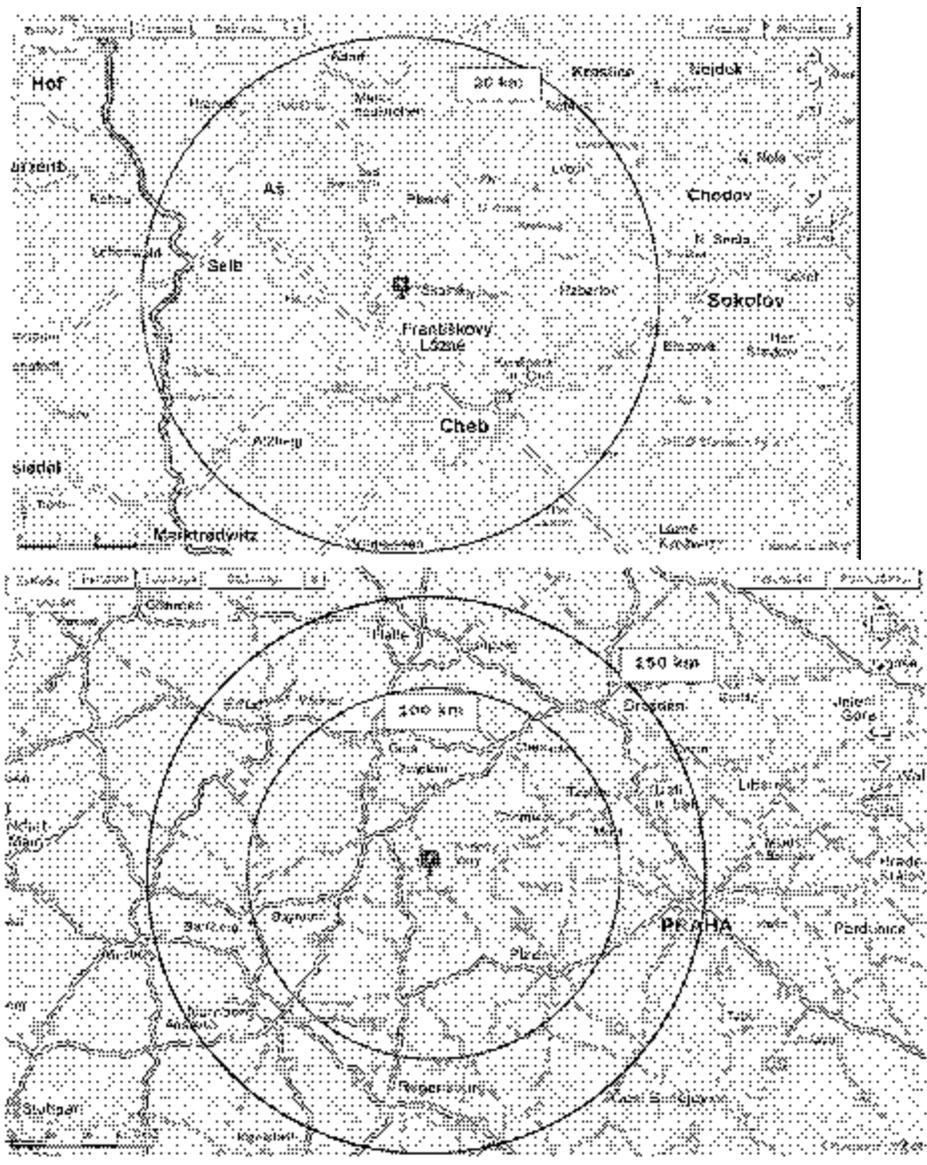
The State Veterinary Administration (SVA) of the Czech Republic has confirmed a third case of bluetongue in a young bull in the region of Karlovy Vary, District of Cheb. Measures have been taken starting August 20, 2008 to limit the spread of the disease and all cattle, sheep and goats older than three months must be vaccinated against the virus, serotype 8.

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The Czech Republic's State Veterinary Administration (SVA) has announced a third case of bluetongue in the region of Karlovy Vary, District of Cheb. Virology tests confirmed only one young bull was infected. As a result, measures have been taken to isolate the region and starting August 20, 2008, all cattle, sheep and goats older than three months must be vaccinated against the virus, serotype 8.

For vaccination producers must only use inactivated vaccines ZULVAC® 8 Bovis for cattle and ZULVAC® 8 Ovis for sheep and goats. Vaccines were procured by the Ministry of Agriculture and distributed by the State Veterinary Administration. The vaccination is funded by the EU and must be carried out until September 14, 2008, at the latest.

This is the third case of bluetongue in the Czech Republic. The first occurred in 2007 in Skalna in the same region and district. The second case, in early 2008, and the current, third case both happened in the region of Karlovy Vary, District Cheb. Restricted zones have already been established since the first case in 2007, please see map below. (Source: SVA CR).



The SVA regularly carries out bluetongue monitoring programs in the restricted zones and surveillance programs outside the restricted zones. These programs include clinical, serological and entomological components. The latest findings do confirm there is bluetongue virus circulating in the country. It had probably entered the country through midges from western Europe.

Bluetongue virus serotypes in the Czech republic circulating in each restricted zone according to SANCO/10428/2007 as follows:

Zone F - Serotype 8

Region of Karlovy Vary: District Sokolov, District Cheb, District Karlovy Vary

Region of Plzen: District Tachov, District Domazlice, District Klatovy, District Plzen-north, District Plzen-city, District Plzen-south, District Rokycany

Region of Usti nad Labem: District Chomutov, District Louny, District Most, District Teplice, District Usti nad Labem, District Decin, District Litomerice

Region of Liberec: District Ceska Lipa, District Jablonec nad Nisou, District Semily, District Liberec

Central Bohemian Region: District Rakovnik, District Kladno, District Beroun, District Melnik, District Pribram, District Prague-west, District Prague-east, District Benesov, District Mlada Boleslav, District Nymburk, District Kolin, District Kutna Hora

Region Capital City of Prague: District Capital City Prague

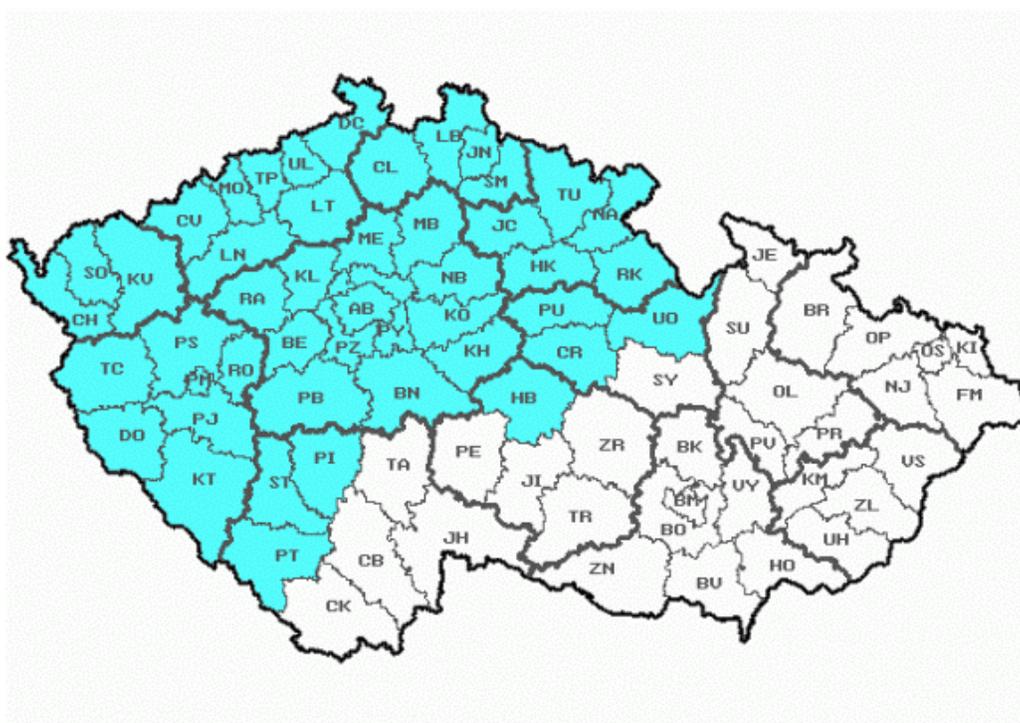
Southern Bohemian Region: District Strakonice, District Pisek, District Prachatice

Region of Hradec Kralove: District Jicin, District Trutnov, District Nachod, District Hradec Kralove, District Rychnov nad Kneznou

Region of Pardubice: District Pardubice, District Chrudim, District Usti nad Orlici

Region of Vysocina: District Havlickuv Brod

(Last update of the list 5/13/2008)



Picture source: SVA CR