



RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

of 26 November 2021, No. 1084

to prevent the importation of the new variant B.1.1.529 of the coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 into the Czech Republic from the South African region

In relation to Government Resolution No. 1065 of 25 November 2021, whereby the Government, in line with Articles 5 and 6 of Constitutional Act No. 110/1998 Coll., on the Security of the Czech Republic, declared a state of emergency for the Czech Republic due to the health risks related to the proven incidence of a coronavirus (identified as SARS-CoV-2) in the Czech Republic, and in line with Section 5(a) to (e) of Act No. 240/2000 Coll., on Crisis Management, and amending certain acts (the Crisis Act), as amended, to address the current emergency situation, the Government has decided to adopt crisis measures, pursuant to Section 5(c) and Section (6)(1)(b) of the Crisis Act.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 27 November 2021 until 11:59 p.m. of 12 December 2021, the Government hereby

I. strongly advises citizens of the Czech Republic and foreigners residing in the Czech Republic not to travel to the Republic of South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia and Mozambique;

II. prohibits entry into the territory of the Czech Republic of all third-country nationals who have stayed for more than 12 hours in the last 14 days in the territory of the Republic of South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia or Mozambique; this does not apply to holders of a residence permit issued by the Czech Republic for more than 90 days in the territory of the Czech Republic;

III. orders

1. all persons who have stayed more than 12 hours in the last 14 days in the territory of the Republic of South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia or Mozambique
 - a) before entering the Czech Republic, to submit a completed Passenger Locator Form in accordance with the Ministry of Health's protective measure of 26 October 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 20599/2020- 126/MIN/KAN,
 - b) before entering the Czech Republic, to be in possession of:
 - i) a negative result of an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 virus, which shall be documented by a written certificate issued by an entity authorised to carry out such a test in the country where it was carried out and which was not carried out more than 72 hours before the start of the journey; the obligation to have proof of the result of the test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 virus shall not apply to the holder of a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic on the impossibility of securing a test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 virus outside the Czech Republic; and

- ii) confirmation of reservation of an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 virus to be carried out within 24 hours of entry into the Czech Republic,
 - c) to present on request at the border or control during residence, proof of completion of the Passenger Locator Form, proof of the result of the SARS CoV-2 virus test referred to in point (b)(i) or a diplomatic note,
 - d) undergo an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 virus within 24 hours of entering the Czech Republic,
 - e) undergo an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 no earlier than on the 10th day but no later than on the 14th day after entering the Czech Republic,
 - f) undergo self-isolation in accordance with point IV/1 until the result of the RT-PCR test for SARS CoV-2 referred to in point (e) is available,
 - g) at all times when leaving the residence in situations referred to in IV/1, wear a respirator or equivalent device (without an exhalation valve) meeting at least all technical conditions and requirements (for the product), including a filtration efficiency of at least 94 % according to the relevant standards, for 14 days after entering the Czech Republic,
2. that point III/1 does not apply to international transport workers, provided that the reason for entry is supported by an appropriate document, and to persons under the age of 6 years, unless they are attending a preschool facility,
 3. not to accept applications for visas and temporary and permanent residence at the embassies of the Czech Republic responsible for the countries listed in point I,
 4. to suspend all proceedings on applications for visas and residence submitted to the embassies of the Czech Republic responsible for the countries listed in point I,
 5. not to mark visas at the embassies of the Czech Republic responsible for the countries referred to in point I; this also applies to applications received before the date of entry into force of this measure and to the marking of visas for the purpose of taking over a residence permit, which may be marked only in the event of loss or destruction of a previously issued residence permit;

IV. stipulates

1. that self-isolation means restriction of free movement to the absolutely necessary minimum, with the exception of:
 - a) journeys absolutely necessary to procure the basic necessities of life and to ensure care for children,
 - b) acute travel to healthcare facilities,
2. that points III/3 through III/5 do not apply to applications submitted in the foreign political interest of the Czech Republic, which are decided exclusively by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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