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EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health, as the competent administrative authority pursuant to Section 80(1)(g) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Public Health Protection and amendments to Certain Related Acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”), orders this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., to protect the population and prevent the occurrence and spread of COVID-19 caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

1. Effective from 12:00 a.m. of 14 March 2022 until this Extraordinary Measure is rescinded, all persons are prohibited from moving around and being present without the protection of their airways (nose, mouth), which is a respirator or similar device (always without an exhalation valve) meeting at least all the technical conditions and requirements (for the product), including a filtration effectiveness of at least 94% in accordance with the relevant standards, which prevents the spread of droplets, specifically:
 - a) in the internal spaces of buildings which serve as a:
 - i) healthcare facility, or;
 - ii) social service buildings, such as weekly care centres, homes for persons with medical handicaps, homes for senior citizens and homes with a special regime, and facilities providing facilitating social services in residential form;
 - b) in means of public transit, including vehicular transit for third-party use, the subject of which is passenger transport (in particular taxi services); in the case of a cable car, only if the cabin is enclosed;with the exception of children under 15 years of age, who may also wear different types of protective equipment at these places, such as a medical face mask or similar device meeting at least all the technical conditions and requirements (for the product) under CSN EN 14683+AC, which prevents the spread of droplets, unless they are subject to the exception under point 2.
2. The prohibition pursuant to paragraph 1 does not apply to:
 - a) children who have not yet commenced school attendance,
 - b) persons with intellectual disorders, disorders on the autistic spectrum and cognitive disorders or severe alterations of their mental state, whose mental capacity or current mental state does not allow them to observe this prohibition;
 - c) patients, if they are hospitalised in inpatient healthcare facilities or if this is necessary for the provision of healthcare services;
 - d) healthcare workers for the necessary period of time, if required for the provision of

- e) social service users in social service buildings, such as weekly care centres, homes for persons with a medical handicap, homes for senior citizens and homes with a special regime, and in facilities providing facilitating social services in residential form;
 - f) other cases worthy of consideration that are stipulated by a healthcare or social service provider or attending doctor for movement and staying in healthcare facilities and social service facilities;
 - g) persons driving public transport vehicles at times when they are not in direct contact with passengers during their boarding and alighting;
 - h) persons for the necessary period for the consumption of food and meals, including drinks;
 - i) members and employees of the basic components of the Integrated Rescue System, if they use a mask or half mask meeting all of the technical conditions and requirements (for the product) of the CSN EN 140 +A1 standard,
 - j) persons who are unable for serious medical reasons to wear a respirator or medical face mask or similar device fulfilling at least all the technical conditions and requirements (for the product) of the CSN EN 14683+AC standard, that prevent the spread of droplets, and who are able to prove this fact by a medical certificate; however, such persons shall be required to wear other respiratory protective equipment pursuant to this measure, which is specified in the medical certificate, except where the medical certificate specifically states that the person concerned cannot wear any respiratory protective equipment.
3. All employers which are:
- a) providers of healthcare services;
 - b) providers of social services in social service buildings, such as weekly care centres, homes for persons with a medical handicap, homes for senior citizens and homes with a special regime, and in facilities providing facilitating social services in residential form;
 - c) public transport operators;
- and whose employees are subject to the prohibition specified in point I/1 during the period of performance of their work, are ordered, effective from 12:00 a.m. of 14 March 2022 until this Extraordinary Measure is repealed, to equip such employees with respirators, in a sufficient number for each work shift; this does not apply if the employee does not come into contact with other persons during the period of work performance and in connection with work performance (e.g., remote work performance outside of the employer's premises).
4. Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 14 March 2022 until this Extraordinary Measure is rescinded, all health service providers are ordered to only issue a certificate under paragraph 2(j) to persons who are prevented from using respiratory protective equipment pursuant to this measure for serious medical reasons, and are further directed to make a record of that fact and the reasons for it, including the diagnosis, in the person's medical records, including that the natural person has been advised of the risks associated with not using respiratory protective equipment pursuant to this measure.

II.

By means of this Extraordinary Measure, the following shall be cancelled, effective as of 12:00 a.m. on 14 March 2022:

- a) Extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 27 October 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 15757/2020-61/MIN/KAN,
- b) Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health of 10 November 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 15757/2020-62/MIN/KAN.

- c) Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health of 13 December 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 15757/2020-63/MIN/KAN.
- d) point 2 of the Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health of 26 January 2022, Ref. No. MZDR 2873/2022-1/MIN/KAN.

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