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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**, by the procedure pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., this extraordinary measure to protect the population and prevent the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

Effective from the date this extraordinary measure is issued, **all parties** are prohibited from selling all personal protective equipment pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council , class FFP3, manufactured and marketed pursuant to technical standard EN 149:2001+A1:2009 to parties other than:

- the Czech Republic and its organisation units and
- parties distributing the aforementioned personal protective equipment, which are based or domiciled in the Czech Republic, which may only resell or transfer this personal protective equipment to the aforementioned parties in accordance with this extraordinary measure,

until the revocation of this extraordinary measure.

The extraordinary measure dated 3 March 2020, ref. No. MZDR 5503/2020-8/PRO is cancelled.

II.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the DATE of its issue.

Rationale:

This extraordinary measure has been issued in connection with the adverse development of the epidemiological situation in terms of the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2 in Europe. The aim of the measure is to ensure sufficient key protective equipment in the Czech Republic, in particular for healthcare service providers and public health protection authorities in order to prevent the spread of

this disease, to whom the protective personal equipment specified in the subject of this extraordinary measure will be distributed by the state.

With a view to the occurrence of the first cases of this disease in the Czech Republic, with a view to the gradual spreading of this disease in neighbouring or nearby countries such as Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Croatia, Poland and Slovakia, and with a view to the ongoing flu epidemic and the generally mild course of the disease, including the initial asymptomatic period, the disease may be expected to spread significantly across the Czech Republic.

Because it is not easy to identify a patient with COVID-19 disease, it is absolutely essential that healthcare staff, in particular, have a sufficient supply of personal protective equipment in order to prevent the contagion of this disease to healthcare staff and to allow them to continue providing the necessary healthcare services. Given the limited capacities of the protective equipment, the central coordination of its distribution by means of these protective measures from the Ministry of Health is required.

The measure applies to all entities, in particular the manufacturers, importers and distributors of the listed personal protective equipment in the Czech Republic.

This measure is an important prerequisite for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic and ensuring the functionality of the healthcare system. The immediate implementation of this measure is essential in order to effectively secure the required quantity of personal protective equipment, which is why the effective date of this extraordinary measure is the moment of issue.

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