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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.

All persons having their temporary or permanent residence in the Czech Republic, residing in the Czech Republic for more than 90 days or employed in the Czech Republic, who return to the Czech Republic from the Italian Republic from 7 March 2020 or later, are ordered to report this fact immediately upon their return to the Czech Republic, by telephone or any other means of remote access, to the healthcare service provider with whom they are registered in the field of general medicine or paediatric general medicine or, if they are not registered with any provider, to any provider in the field of general medicine or paediatric general medicine.

All healthcare service providers in the field of general medicine or paediatric general medicine are ordered to impose a quarantine of 14 days on any persons having their temporary and permanent residence in the Czech Republic, residing in the Czech Republic for more than 90 days or employed in the Czech Republic, who return from a stay in the Italian Republic to the Czech Republic from 7 March 2020 or later, pursuant to Section 2(7)(a) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll.

The foregoing does not apply to:

- drivers of freight transport, who transit through the Italian Republic or perform the shipment, loading and unloading of goods in the Italian Republic,
- drivers and crews of medical transport services, who transport patients in the Italian Republic, through the Italian Republic or from the Italian Republic,
- pilots of passenger aircraft who do not leave the aircraft except to perform pre-flight or between-flight preparations, during transit or return flights.

These persons to whom the aforementioned obligations do not apply are ordered to report the incidence of any symptoms of a flu-like illness immediately, via telephone or any other means of remote access, to the healthcare provider with whom they are registered in the field of general medicine or, if they are not registered with any provider, to any provider in the field of general medicine.

Drivers of freight transport, who transit through the Italian Republic or perform the shipment, loading and unloading of goods, are ordered during loading and unloading to use FFP2 or FFP3 class respirators, to maximally limit direct contact with local staff in the Italian Republic, and to have their vehicle equipped with rubber gloves to be used as needed, and antibacterial gel for the regular cleaning of their hands.

The drivers and crews of medical transport services, who transport patients in the Italian Republic, through the Italian Republic or from the Italian Republic, are ordered to transport patients using only vehicles in which there is a separate area for the patient and to use personal protective equipment during transport (respirator, protective goggles, gloves), and to use antibacterial gel for the regular cleaning of their hands.

The extraordinary measure dated 6 March 2020, ref. No. MZDR 5503/2020-10/PRO, is cancelled.

II.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the day 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.

With a view to the significant spread of the COVID-19 disease in the Italian Republic (approximately 4,000 cases) and the fact that the predominant number of persons infected in the Czech Republic contracted the disease while staying in the Italian Republic, it is necessary to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 disease from the Italian 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.

The immediate implementation of the measure is required, given that several thousand people are expected to return from the Italian Republic, which is why the effective date of this extraordinary measure is the date of its issue.

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