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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 amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”), orders, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., in protecting the population and preventing the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, this Extraordinary Measure:

I.

1. Effective from 24 March 2020 at 6:00 a.m., through to 1 April 2020 at 6:00 a.m., retail sales and sales of services in establishments shall be prohibited, with the exception of shops selling:
 - foodstuffs
 - automotive fuel;
 - heating fuel;
 - hygienic goods, cosmetics, and other druggist goods;
 - pharmacies and points dispensing and selling medical products;
 - small domestic animals;
 - feeds and other articles for animals;
 - spectacles, contact lenses, and related goods;
 - newspapers and magazines;
 - tobacco products;
 - laundry and dry-cleaning services;
 - repair of road vehicles, as long as no more than 30 persons are present at the establishment at any one time;
 - towing and remedy of vehicle defects in the course of road traffic;
 - sale of spare parts for transportation vehicles and production technologies;
 - establishments allowing the collection of goods and shipments from third parties;
 - sale of gardening supplies, including seeds and planting stock;
 - transportation ticket sales at cash desks;
 - spa facilities, if only spa services at least partially covered from public health insurance are provided therein;
 - operation of funeral services;
 - flower shops;
 - construction work and removal of buildings, design work in civil engineering, geological work, surveying work, testing, measurements, and analysis in the construction business;

- sales of textile materials and textile haberdashery;
- servicing of computer and telecommunication equipment, audio and video receivers, consumer electronics, devices, and other household products;
- real-estate brokerage and activities of accounting advisors, account maintenance, keeping of tax records;

where such goods and services are the predominant goods or services on sale or on offer at the establishment concerned. This prohibition shall not apply to activities that do not constitute trades pursuant to the Trade Licensing Act.

2. **Effective from 24 March 2020 at 6:00 a.m., through to 1 April 2020 at 6:00 a.m., the following is ordered:** the presence of the public at establishments offering dining services is prohibited, with the exception of establishments not serving the general public (e.g., staff dining, dining for healthcare and social services providers, penal institutions); this prohibition shall not apply to sales for consumption outside of the dining establishment (e.g., fast-food establishments with dispensing windows or take-out foods where the customer does not enter the establishment), which can operate without restriction as to time;
3. **Effective from 24 March 2020 at 6:00 a.m. through to 1 April 2020 at 6:00 a.m.,** the operation of dining service establishments located in shopping centres with a sales area in excess of 5,000 sq m is prohibited;
4. **Effective from 24 March 2020 at 6:00 a.m. through to 1 April 2020 at 6:00 a.m.,** it is ordered that the sale of unpackaged bakery products shall be permitted only if subject to the following conditions:
 - it is ensured that persons do not gather at the point where the bakery products are dispensed;
 - the point of sale is equipped with personal hygiene products.
5. **Effective from 24 March 2020 at 6:00 a.m. through to 1 April 2020 at 6:00 a.m.,** it is ordered that operators running retail self-service food shops shall provide disposable gloves to their customers free of charge at every entrance to such a shop.
6. **Effective from 24 March 2020 at 6:00 a.m. through to 1 April 2020 at 6:00 a.m.,** the following is prohibited:
 - the operation of gambling points and casinos;
 - the operation of automobile driving schools;
 - the operation of taxi services with the exception of taxi services delivering foodstuffs or operated by persons holding a taxi licence;
 - the operation of self-serve laundry and dry-cleaning facilities;
 - the presence of the public in building supply, construction products, and DIY shops;
 - the presence of the public in establishments of service providers operating indoor and outdoor sports facilities.
7. **Effective from 24 March 2020 at 6:00 a.m. through to 1 April 2020 at 6:00 a.m.,** the sale of accommodation services is prohibited, with the exception of persons providing accommodation in residences, spa facilities, and school accommodation facilities. This prohibition shall not apply to the sale and provision of accommodation services to foreigners, until such time as they leave the Czech Republic, and foreigners holding a work permit for the Czech Republic.

II.

This Extraordinary Measure shall take 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 novel coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2 in the Czech Republic.

The object of all of the changes proposed, further to *de facto* identical restrictions adopted earlier by a Government Resolution, is the attempt to limit, to the maximum extent, social contact between people, with the exception of essential retail sales of goods and services, so as to prevent community transmission of the COVID-19 disease to the maximum extent possible.

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