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## **PROTECTIVE MEASURE**

The Ministry of Health, as the competent administrative authority pursuant to Section 80(1)(h) of Act No. 258/2000, on public health protection and amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No. 258/2000"), **orders** the following protective measure pursuant to Section 68(1) and (3) of Act No. 258/2000, to protect against the spread of the new 2019-nCoV coronavirus:

**In connection with the holding of the BMW IBU World Cup Biathlon at the Vysočina Aréna in Nové Město na Moravě from 5 to 8 March 2020, the participation of spectators at all events in the program is prohibited.**

This protective measure takes effect on the date of its issue.

### **Justification:**

This measure has been issued in connection with the adverse development of the epidemiological situation related to the occurrence of COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2. The aim of this measure is to create conditions to combat the spread of this disease .

The new coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2 is currently causing an exponentially growing epidemic, with the potential to double the number of infected people every 5 to 7 days, with a mortality rate of about 2.5%. Even the strict anti-epidemic measures taken in other countries have not yet led to effective control, and the contagion has spread and been introduced to the European continent and the Czech Republic.

Given the occurrence of the first cases of this disease in the Czech Republic and considering the gradual spread of this disease in neighbouring or nearby countries such as Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Croatia, considering the ongoing flu epidemic and generally mild course of the disease, including the initial asymptomatic period, mass events with the attendance of tens of thousands of people can result in the disease spreading significantly across the Czech Republic.

For the aforementioned reasons and as a part of prevention, it is desirable to restrict or prohibit the presence of spectators at major sporting events until the epidemic is brought under effective control.

This measure is an important prerequisite to combat the further spread of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus contagion in the Czech Republic.

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Minister of Health

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