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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, on public health protection and amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No. 258/2000"), **orders** the following extraordinary measure pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000, to protect the population and combat the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

With effect from 6 March 2020, all persons, except manufacturers, are prohibited from exporting from the Czech Republic, with the exception of a reasonable amount for personal needs, all personal hygiene products intended for disinfecting hands - main group 1, product type 1 pursuant to Annex V to Regulation (EU) No. 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products, as amended, until the revocation of this extraordinary measure.

II.

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

Justification:

This extraordinary measure has been issued in connection with the adverse development of the

epidemiological situation related to 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 a sufficiency of key personal hygiene products in the Czech Republic to combat the spread of this disease.

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, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Poland and Croatia, considering the ongoing flu epidemic and generally mild course of the disease, including the initial asymptomatic period, we can anticipate that the disease will spread significantly across the Czech Republic.

As it is not easy to identify a patient infected with COVID-19, it is absolutely essential that a sufficiency of personal hygiene products be available to help combat the transfer of this disease to healthy individuals.

This measure is directed towards all persons, in particular importers and distributors of the specified personal hygiene products in the Czech Republic, with the exception of manufacturers.

This measure is an important prerequisite to combat the spread of COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic, and to ensure the functionality of the healthcare system.

The immediate implementation of this measure is essential to effectively secure the required quantity of personal hygiene products, hence the date of effect of this extraordinary measure immediately follows the date of its issue.

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