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

I.

1. **With effect from 6:00 a.m. on 1 April 2020 to 6:00 a.m. on 11 April 2020, the free movement of persons in the entire territory of the Czech Republic is prohibited, with the exception of:**
 - a) **travel to work and to perform business or other similar activities,**
 - b) **essential travel to visit family or close persons,**
 - c) **essential travel to procure basic life needs (e.g. shopping for groceries, medicine and medical devices, hygienic products, cosmetics or other drug store goods, pet food and other animal supplies), including the needs of relatives and close persons, ensuring child care, ensuring animal care, using the necessary financial and postal services, refueling,**
 - d) **essential travel to secure the needs and services pursuant to letter c) for another person (e.g. volunteers, neighborly assistance),**
 - e) **travel to healthcare facilities and social service facilities, including the necessary accompaniment of relatives and close persons, and ensuring veterinary care,**
 - f) **travel for the purpose of arranging urgent official matters, including arranging the necessary accompaniment of relatives and close persons,**
 - g) **the performance of an occupation or activities which serve to ensure**
 1. **security, internal order and a resolution of a crisis situation,**

2. protection of health, provision of healthcare or social care, including volunteer activities,
 3. individual spiritual care and services,
 4. public transit and other infrastructure,
 5. services for citizens, including supply and delivery services,
 6. veterinary care,
- h) activities in nature or parks,
 - i) travelling back to one's dwelling,
 - j) funerals.
2. With effect from 6:00 a.m. on 1 April 2020 to 6:00 a.m. on 11 April 2020, an order is imposed
- a) on persons residing in the Czech Republic to limit their movements in publicly accessible places to the necessary period of time and to stay in their dwelling, except for the cases listed in point 1 letters (a) through (j),
 - b) to limit contact with other persons to the necessary period of time,
 - c) to stay in publicly accessible places in groups of maximally two persons, except for household members, the performance of an occupation, business or similar activities and attendance at funerals, and to maintain a distance of at least 2 meters from other persons, if possible.

II.

This Extraordinary Measure shall take effect on the date of its issue.

Rationale:

The 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 Europe.

Given the current spread of the COVID-19 disease in the Czech Republic and in most countries around the world, it is necessary to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 disease, which the World Health Organisation declared a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

From 1 March 2020, when the COVID-19 disease was first proven in a patient in the Czech Republic, the

number of cases to date has increased to 2,657 (as at 28 March 2020). The daily increase in the number of patients newly proven to have the COVID-19 disease has exceeded 200 in recent days (25 March: 291, 26 March: 259, 27 March: 373, 28 March: 262).

This Measure is an important prerequisite for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic. The coronavirus is transmitted from person to person in close contact. It is known as a droplet infection, which is airborne. Most frequently, it affects the mucous membranes of the upper and lower respiratory track and the conjunctives. The incubation period is two to fourteen days. The most common ways for the virus to enter the human body are the mucous membranes, meaning the mouth, nose and also the eyes. These places are an open door for the virus.

The aim of this measure is to restrict the free movement of persons and contact with other persons, in order to maximally limit the community transmission of COVID-19 disease.

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