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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 retail sale and sale of services in establishments is prohibited, with the exception of the following stores selling or involved in:**
 - food,
 - fuel,
 - propellants,
 - hygienic goods, cosmetics and other toiletries and household products,
 - pharmacies, dispensaries and medical device shops,
 - small pets,
 - animal feed and other supplies for animals,
 - glasses, contact lenses and related goods,
 - newspapers and magazines,
 - tobacco products,
 - laundry and dry cleaning services,
 - repair of road vehicles, if there are not more than 30 persons in the establishment at the same time,
 - towing and the removal of defects of vehicles in traffic on roads,
 - sale of spare parts for vehicles and production technologies,
 - establishments enabling the collection of goods and shipment from third parties,
 - sale of gardening supplies including seeds and seedlings,
 - ticket sales,
 - spa facilities, provided that only spa services covered at least in part from public health insurance are provided,
 - funeral services,
 - flower shops,
 - construction of buildings and their removal, project-related activities in construction, geological work, surveying, testing, measurement and analysis in construction,
 - sale of textile material and haberdashery,

- service of computer and telecommunication equipment, audio and video receivers, consumer electronics, devices and other household products,
- real estate brokering and activities of accounting advisors, accounting, keeping tax records,
- locksmithing and servicing of other household products,
- repair, maintenance and installation of household machinery and equipment,
- operation of burial grounds, carrying out embalming and preservation, incineration of human remains, including the placing of human remains into urns,
- car washes,

where the sale of the listed goods or services represents a major part of the activities of the establishment in question. This prohibition does not apply to activities that are not trades under the Trade Licensing Act.

2. With effect from 6:00 a.m. on 1 April 2020 to 6:00 a.m. on 11 April 2020, the presence of the public in catering establishments shall be prohibited, with the exception of establishments not serving the public (e.g. employee catering, catering services of healthcare and social service providers, prisons); this prohibition does not apply to the sale of off-site catering services (e.g. fast-food outlets with a dispensing window or takeaway food without entering the establishment), which can take place without a time limit.
3. With effect from 6:00 a.m. on 1 April 2020 to 6:00 a.m. on 11 April 2020, sales at catering service establishments located within shopping malls with a sales area exceeding 5,000 m² shall be prohibited.
4. With effect from 6:00 a.m. on 1 April 2020 to 6:00 a.m. on 11 April 2020, it is ordered that the sale of unwrapped bakery products shall be allowed only if the following conditions are met:
 - it is ensured that there is no crowding together of people at the bakery product collection points,
 - the point of sale is equipped with personal hygiene aids.
5. With effect from 6:00 a.m. on 1 April 2020 to 6:00 a.m. on 11 April 2020, it is ordered that business owners running a self-service grocery store provide disposable gloves free of charge to customers at each entrance to such a shop.
6. With effect from 6:00 a.m. of 1 April 2020 to 6:00 a.m. of 11 April 2020, the following shall be prohibited
 - gambling and casino operations,
 - the operation of driving schools,
 - the operation of a taxi service, with the exception of taxis delivering foodstuffs or persons with a taxi driver license,
 - the operation of self-service laundries and dry cleaners,
 - the presence of the public in stores of building materials, construction products and hobby markets,
 - the presence of the public in the premises of providers of - indoor and outdoor sports ground services.
7. With effect from 6:00 a.m. on 1 April 2020 to 6:00 a.m. on 11 April 2020, the sale of accommodation services shall be prohibited, with the exception of persons providing

does not apply to the sale and provision of accommodation services:

- to persons engaged in the performance of an occupation, business or other similar activity; and
- foreigners until they leave the Czech Republic and foreigners with a work permit in the Czech Republic.

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.

Since 1 March 2020, when the COVID-19 disease was first proven in a patient in the Czech Republic, the number of cases has grown 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 close inessential stores and establishments so as to prevent contact with other persons and maximally limit the community transmission of COVID-19 disease.

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