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TERMINATION OF 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."), terminates, pursuant to Section 69(2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., the validity of paragraph I/3 of the extraordinary measures of 3 March 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 12745/2020-5/MIN/KAN, with respect to:

- the public administration contact points (Czech POINT) pursuant to Act No. 365/2000 Coll., on public administration information systems and on the amendment of certain other laws, as amended,

with immediate effect.

Rationale:

The validity of paragraph I/3 of the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 30 March 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 12745/2020-5/MIN/KAN (hereinafter referred to as the "Extraordinary Measure") that, effective from 6:00 a.m. on 1 April 2020 until 6:00 a.m. on 11 April 2020, ordered all public authorities and administrative authorities to limit the scope of office hours to Monday and Friday, with maximally three hours on the given days, to inform about the change of office hours by adequate means, and to publish the limited scope of office hours on their official bulletins, is terminated with respect to the public administration contact points (Czech POINT) pursuant to Act No. 365/2000 Coll., on public administration information systems and on the amendment of certain other laws, as amended.

The Extraordinary Measure was 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. The aim of this measure was to restrict the activities of public and administrative authorities, in order to maximally limit the community transmission of the COVID-19 disease.

The public administration contact points are a crucial point of contact between the public administration and the public. Through them, the public can procure information managed by the public administration, required to perform their occupation or business activity (e.g. extracts from the criminal records), make submissions to the public administration (e.g. report the operation of a trade, submit requests to create a data mailbox) or perform authorized document conversions. The actions performed through the public administration contact points are the most commonly requested public administration services. Given the fact that public need to perform these actions is consistent, or is perhaps increasing under the state of emergency, and the public administration contact points are incapable of adequately satisfying public demand within limited office hours, it seems necessary to cancel the restriction of office hours with respect thereto.

The Ministry of Health considers the cancellation of the restriction of office hours with respect to public administration contact points while preserving this restriction with respect to other public authorities and administrative authorities to be proportional, given the fact that the public administration contact points are by their nature focused on personal contact with the public.

The other parts of the Extraordinary Measure remain valid for the public administration contact points.

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