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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 prison inmates, members and civil employees of the Prison Service and other persons who come into contact with prisoners and to prevent the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. of 16 April 2020, the Prison Service of the Czech Republic is ordered:

- 1. to issue a decision on the temporary joint housing of prisoners assigned to labour, serving their sentence at prisons with low or medium security or prisons with medium and high security, so as to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 disease among the prisoners and staff of the Prison Service of the Czech Republic, so that the prisoners assigned to the same workplace will be housed together, in order to separate them from other prisoners housed collectively who are assigned to a**
 - a. workplace with free movement outside of the prison,**
 - b. unguarded workplace, and**
 - c. workplaces essential to ensuring the running of the prisons and detention facilities,**
- 2. to issue the decision pursuant to paragraph 1 for the period until the cancellation of this extraordinary measures, but at latest until 1 July 2020.**

II.

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

Rationale:

This 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 new coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2 in Europe.

The subject of the measure is the joint housing of convicts placed in prisons with security, who are assigned to labour on workplaces with free movement outside of the prison, unguarded workplaces or workplaces essential to ensuring the running of prisons and detention facilities. This measure will allow a reduction of the number of facilities at which the prisoners from the

aforementioned workplaces are housed, thus helping to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 infection among the prisoners, including reducing the number of prisoners potentially threatened in the event that it penetrates prisons and detention facilities. Furthermore, a condition for continuous employment will be created even under the current state of emergency, especially at workplaces outside of the prison.

The measure is directed at all prisoners assigned to labour at prisons with security, given that prisoners with low and medium security or prisoners with medium and high security can be housed together.

This measure is an important prerequisite for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus on the premises of prisons and detention facilities in the Czech Republic, and throughout the Czech Republic.

The immediate implementation is required for an adequate assessment of risks, given the present adverse epidemiological situation in terms of the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease, which is why the Extraordinary Measure shall take effect on the day of its issue.

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