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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 the amendment 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. Retail sales and sale of services at establishments shall be prohibited, with the exception of:

- the sale of foods,
- the sale of motor fuels,
- the sale of propellants,
- the sale of hygienic goods, cosmetics and other toiletries and household products,
- pharmacies, dispensaries and medical device shops,
- the sale of small domestic pets,
- the sale of animal feed and other supplies for animals,
- the sale of glasses, contact lenses and related goods,
- the sale of newspapers and magazines,
- the sale of tobacco products,
- laundry and dry-cleaning services, provided they are not self-service laundries and dry-cleaners,
- repairs 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,
- the sale of spare parts for vehicles and production technologies,
- establishments enabling the collection of goods and shipment from third parties,
- the sale of gardening supplies including seeds and seedlings,
- the over-the-counter sale of travel tickets,
- spa facilities, provided that only spa therapeutic rehabilitation care covered at least in part from public health insurance are provided,
- funeral services,
- the sale of flowers,
- the construction of buildings and their removal, project-related activities in construction, geological work, surveying, testing, measurement and analysis in construction,
- the sale of textile material and haberdashery,

- the 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,
- locksmith shops, repairs, maintenance and installation of household machines and other products,
- the operation of burial grounds, carrying out embalming and preservation, incineration of human remains, including the placing of human remains into urns,
- car washes,
- the sale of household goods, if protective equipment for the respiratory passages such as respirators, face masks, kerchiefs, scarves or other resources that prevent the spread of droplets, gloves and disinfection can be purchased at the store,
- hobby markets, building supply and material stores and hardware stores,
- the sale and maintenance of bicycles,
- the collection and buyback of raw materials and composting yards,
- the sale of new and used road motor vehicles,
- trades with the exception of establishments where the service provider comes into contact with the customer's body (e.g. barber and hairdressing shops, pedicure and manicure salons).

where the sale of the listed goods or services represents a major part of the activities of the establishment concerned. This prohibition does not apply to activities that are not trades under the Trade Licensing Act. Furthermore, this prohibition does not apply to the sale of food at stores for which the sale of food does not constitute the primary activity of the given store, but the part of the store where food is sold is separated from the other parts of the store.

2. It is ordered that the following rules be observed at the establishments pursuant to paragraph 1 that are allowed to operate:
  - to actively prevent customers from coming closer to each other than 2 meters,
  - to ensure the management of queues of waiting customers, both inside and outside of the store, particularly by marking the waiting area and placing symbols indicating the minimal distance between customers (minimal distance of 2 m),
  - to place disinfectants near frequently touched objects (especially handles, railings, shopping cards), so that it is available to employees and customers of the establishment and can be used for regular disinfection,
  - to ensure that workers at the establishment wear gloves when coming into contact with goods or accepting payments from customers,
  - to ensure that customers are informed of the above rules, primarily by means of information posters at the entrance and throughout the establishment, or by stating the rules through loudspeaker announcements in the establishment.
3. The presence of the public at establishments offering dining services, with the exception of establishments not serving the general public (e.g., staff dining, dining for healthcare and social service providers, at penal institutions) shall be prohibited; this prohibition shall not apply to sales for consumption outside of the dining establishment (e.g., fast-food establishments with a dispensing windows or take-out foods where the customer does not enter the establishment).
4. Sales at dining service establishments located within shopping malls with a sales area exceeding 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> are prohibited.

5. The sale of unpackaged bakery goods is ordered only if the following conditions are met:
  - it is ensured that there is no crowding of people at the bakery product collection points,
  - the point of sale is equipped with personal hygiene aids.
6. It is ordered that business owners operating a self-service grocery store provide disposable gloves free of charge to customers at each entrance to such a shop, or other similar hand protection (e.g. plastic bags).
7. The following is 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 authorized to be a taxi driver,
  - a public presence on the premises of service providers, including indoor sports grounds.
8. The sale of accommodation services is prohibited, with the exception of persons providing accommodation in residences, spa facilities, and school accommodation facilities. This prohibition 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,
  - foreigners until they leave the Czech Republic and foreigners with a work permit in the Czech Republic, and
  - persons who have been ordered into quarantine by the public health authority,
  - persons threatened by domestic violence.
9. The prohibition of retail sales pursuant to paragraph 1 does not apply to farmer's and other outdoor markets and marketplaces, which are ordered to fulfil the following rules:
  - not to sell foods designated exclusively for direct consumption,
  - to ensure a distance of at least 2 meters between stands, tables or other points of sale,
  - to actively ensure that customers maintain a distance of at least 2 m from each other,
  - to place containers with disinfectant products at every point of sale,
  - to ensure that workers at the points of sale wear gloves when coming into contact with goods or accepting payments from customers,
  - to sell goods without the option of tasting or consuming foods or meals or trying on clothing at the point of sale.
10. This extraordinary measures is issued with effect from 12:00 a.m. on 20 April 2020.

## II.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 20 March 2020, the extraordinary measure of 6 April 2020 Ref. No. MZDR 15190/2020-3/MIN/KAN is repealed and the extraordinary measure of 15 April 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 16193/2020-1/MIN/KAN, is repealed.

### III

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

#### **Rationale:**

The Extraordinary Measure has been issued in connection with the 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 5,991 (as at 12 April 2020). The daily increase in the number of patients newly proven to have the COVID-19 disease oscillated around 200 in recent days.

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 the COVID-19 disease. Yet, given the progressive development of the epidemic, it is suitable to allow the partial renewal of operations of certain establishments. However, important rules are stipulated for maintaining the required distance between persons, their enforcement including the use of personal protective equipment and disinfectants.

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