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)(b) 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:

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 22 June 2020 until the cancellation of this extraordinary measure, celebrations, theater and film performances, sports and other gatherings and markets are prohibited or restricted, in that

I. theatre, music, film, and other artistic performances, sports, cultural, religious, association, dance, traditional, and other similar events and other gatherings, exhibitions, festivals, funfairs, shows, tastings, markets, and fairs, educational events, celebrations, both public and private, attended by more than 1000 persons at any one time, are prohibited; this prohibition does not apply to:

a) meetings, congresses and similar events of constitutional bodies, public authorities, courts and other public authorities which are held on the basis of the law,

b) gatherings pursuant to Act No. 84/1990 Coll., as amended, on the right to gather,

c) to large events held in structurally partitioned compounds (sports stadium, exhibition grounds, etc.), at which the presence of more than 1000 persons at any one time in each of the structurally separated (also using mobile barriers, e.g. portable fencing) sectors of the compound is prohibited, given that the entire compound is divided into maximally five partitioned sectors, each of which has access from the outdoors and the attendees are unable to move between the sectors; the distance between persons in neighbouring sectors must be at least 4 meters; in the case of premises with fixed rows of seats (e.g. sports stadium stands, etc.), seating is restricted so that the attendees of the large event may be seated only in every second row, and may be seated in such a row only if they are separated from other attendees by at least one empty seat,

II. The following is restricted:

a) the holding of large events indoors, in that the following rules must be observed:
the attendees of the large event must wear protective respiratory equipment to prevent the spread of droplets, with the exception of household members or close relative (hereinafter referred to as “household members”),
hand disinfectant will be available for the attendees.

b) the holding of large events outdoors, in that the following rules must be observed:
  − if the attendees of the large event are at a distance of less than 1.5 meters, they must wear protective respiratory equipment to prevent the spread of droplets, with the exception of household members,
  − hand disinfectant will be available for the attendees.

c) organised training or matches of athletes at outdoor and indoor sports grounds, so that the following rules are observed:
  − No more than 1000 persons may be located on the sports grounds at the same time,
  − During training or matches, the athletes are not required to wear protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth) which prevents the spread of droplets,
  − A container with disinfectant for the disinfection of the hands will be available on the sports grounds,
  − After the training or matches, all the used equipment will be disinfected regularly;

d) Participation at church services, so that the following rules are observed:
  − the service is attended by at most 1000 people at the same time,
  − the participants at the mass mandatorily disinfect their hands before entering the premises of the mass,
  − the participants at the service wear protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth), which prevents the spread of droplets, except when taking the Eucharist/communion,
  − the wish of peace and blessing with holy water and similar rituals are omitted during the mass,
  − the clergyman disinfects his hands at least before the start of the mass, before and after serving the Eucharist/communion,
  − the length of the mass is not needlessly extended while observing liturgical regulations,
  − the premises of the mass is duly ventilated and contact points (handles, pews, etc.) are disinfected after the mass,
  − The worshipers are prevented from entering other places in the church/choir except for the primary area of the service;
The same rules shall also apply to weddings and christenings; churches/choirs remain open outside of mass for private prayer and individual spiritual care.

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

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Signed electronically