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:

I.

Effective from 1 September 2020 until the cancellation of this extraordinary measure, celebrations, theatre and film performances, sports and other gatherings and markets are prohibited or restricted, in that

1. 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 at any one time by more than 1 000 persons if the event is held largely on outdoor premises, or 500 persons if the event is largely held on the indoor premises of buildings, are prohibited; this prohibition does not apply to:
   a) meetings, congresses and similar events held by constitutional bodies, public authorities, courts and other public entities, which are held by law,
   b) gatherings pursuant to Act No. 84/1990 Coll., as amended, on the Right to Gather,
   c) large events held in structurally partitioned facilities (sports stadium, exhibition grounds, etc.), in this case there is a prohibition against the presence at any one time of more than 1,000 persons if the event is held largely on outdoor premises, or 500 persons if the event is largely held in the indoor premises of buildings, in each of the structurally separated sectors (by means of a mobile barrier, e.g. portable fence) of the facility, where the entire facility is divided into no more than five structurally-partitioned sectors, each of which can be accessed from the outdoors, or where access to and from the individual sectors is time-regulated so as to avoid the undesirable congregation of people therein; the distance between persons in neighbouring sectors must be at least 2 meters;
   d) at large events held at structurally partitioned facilities with a maximum possible building capacity of more than 5,000 persons (a sports stadium, concert hall, etc.), during which at least 70% of the attendees are seated; in these cases, there is a
prohibition against the presence at any one time of more than 1,000 persons if the event is held largely on outdoor premises, or 500 persons if the event is largely held in the indoor premises of buildings, in each of the structurally separated sectors (by means of a mobile barrier, e.g. portable fence) of the facility, where the entire facility is divided into maximally ten structurally-partitioned sectors, each of which can be accessed from the outdoors, or where access to and from the individual sectors is time-regulated so as to avoid the undesirable congregation of people therein; the distance between persons in neighbouring sectors must be at least 2 meters; in the case of outdoor premises fitted with seating (e.g. sports stadium stands), seating is restricted so that no more than one half of the seats are occupied, so that the attendees at a large event only sit in every other row; if any of the sectors are reserved for standing, there is a prohibition to fill it with attendees to more than 50% of its maximum capacity, and simultaneously the aforementioned maximum limit of attendees in the sector must not be exceeded.

2. the movement and presence of persons without protective respiratory equipment (nose, mouth), such as a respirator, face mask, mouthpiece, scarf or other equipment that prevents the spreading of droplets, at large events under point 1 with more than 100 people attending at any one time, held in the indoor premises of buildings, is prohibited; this prohibition does not apply to:
   a) children under two years of age,
   b) persons with intellectual disorders, cognitive disorders or severe alterations of their mental state, whose mental capacity or current mental state does not allow them to observe this prohibition,
   c) persons performing copyrighted works (e.g. theatre, dance or musical performances) and persons participating in the creation and production of audiovisual works or programs,
   d) hosts, reporters and other persons appearing on radio, television and other programmes,
   e) athletes or exercising persons during training sessions, exercising, games, competitions, etc.,
   f) fiancées in the course of the wedding ceremony and other persons attending the ceremony, and persons declaring that they are entering into registered partnership together and other persons attending this declaration.

II.

Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health of 19 August 2020, ref. no MZDR 15757/2020-29/MIN/KAN, is rescinded with effect from 1 September 2020.

III.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the date it is issued.

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Signed electronically