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 12:00 a.m. on 24 September 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on 7 October 2020 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, fairs, shows, tastings, markets, and trade fairs, educational events, celebrations, both public and private, attended at any one time by more than 1,000 persons if the event is held predominantly on outdoor premises, or 500 persons if the event is held predominantly on the indoor premises of buildings, are prohibited this number does not include persons who participate in organising the mass event, if they are separated from the attendees; 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., on the Right to Assemble, as amended,
   c) mass events in the indoor premises of structurally partitioned facilities (sports arena or stadium, theatre, congress and conference centres, trade fair grounds, etc.) with a maximum indoor capacity of up to 1,000 persons, whereas
      i) the indoor premises must be divided into organisationally-partitioned sectors with a maximum capacity of 500 persons, each sector having a separate entrance from the outdoor premises or with access to and from the individual sectors regulated at intervals so as to avoid the undesirable congregation of persons,
      ii) a distance of 2 m must be maintained between the attendees and performers (e.g. actors, singers, lecturers, athletes), or the performers must be separated from the attendees by an impenetrable barrier to prevent the spread of droplets (e.g. plexiglass), and
      iii) the distance between persons in neighbouring sectors must be at least 2 meters,
      iv) total attendance shall not exceed 1,000 at any given time; this number does not include persons who participate in organising the mass event, if they are separated from the attendees
   d) mass events in the indoor premises of structurally-partitioned facilities (sports arena or stadium, theatre, congress and conference centres, trade fair grounds, etc.) with a maximum possible capacity of 1,000 persons, whereas
      i) the premises must be divided into organisationally-partitioned sectors with a maximum capacity of 1,000 persons, each sector having a separate entrance from the outdoor premises or with access to and from the individual sectors regulated at intervals so as to avoid the undesirable congregation of persons,
      ii) the capacity of the premises where the event is held may be used up to the limit of 1,000 persons and the remaining capacity of the premises may be used up to at most 50%, whereas the attendees must be distributed evenly in each sector, if possible, so as to ensure distancing, for example, by the attendees only sitting in every other row of seats,
iii) a distance of 2 m must be maintained between the attendees and performers (e.g. actors, singers, athletes, lecturers), or the performers must be separated from the attendees by an impenetrable barrier to prevent the spread of droplets (e.g. plexiglass), and

iv) the distance between persons in neighbouring sectors must be at least 2 meters,

v) total attendance shall not exceed 2,000 at any given time; this number does not include persons who participate in organising the mass event, if they are separated from the attendees,

2. mass events as specified in point 1 are prohibited, with the exception of letter a) and b), exhibitions, markets, trade fairs and similar events, with attendance exceeding 50 persons, if the event is held largely on outdoor premises, or 10 persons if the event is held largely in the indoor premises of buildings unless each attendee has a designated seat at which [it / they] are primarily present; in the case of mass events as specified in the previous sentence which are subject to the payment of an entrance fee, tickets may only be sold for specific seats; the organiser of the mass event shall be obliged to make a written record of the total current number of seats for people attending the event.

3. mass events with attendance exceeding 50 persons at any one time, which are held largely on outdoor premises, or 10 persons if the event is held largely in the indoor premises of buildings, are restricted in that their attendees are obliged to maintain a distance of at least 2 meters from other attendees, if these are not household members, unless they are seated in a designated seat.

II.

Extraordinary Measure of the Ministry of Health 16 September 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 20588/2020-16/MIN/KAN, is rescinded with effect from 12:00 a.m. on 24 September 2020.

III.

This Extraordinary Measure shall take effect on the date of its issue.

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