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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 amending 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., to protect the population and prevent the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

All operators of hazardous waste incineration plants which dispose of infectious waste from medical facilities or facilities similar to these are, effective as of 24 December 2020 until the end of the state of emergency, ordered, while continuing to comply with the requirements for the safe disposal of infectious waste from medical facilities, to concentrate such waste before its final disposal in hazardous waste incineration plants for a period of at most:

- a) 72 hours, or
- b) 60 days, if stored in freezer or refrigeration rooms or boxes at a temperature of up to 8°C.

II.

This Emergency Measure shall take 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 and especially in the Czech Republic.

In relation to the continuing testing at test centres, subsequent examination and evaluation of the samples taken and in relation to the ongoing antigen testing campaign and the planned vaccination against the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2, increased production of infectious waste from medical facilities or facilities similar to these can be anticipated. For this reason, it is necessary to ensure the appropriate regulation of conditions for operators of incineration plants for meeting their obligations, this being for

the concentration of waste before its final disposal. For this reason, the maximum periods for storage of such waste are extended, although for a period of no longer than 72 hours, or 60 days if stored in freezer or refrigeration rooms or boxes at a temperature of up to 8°C, whereas it cannot be assumed that compliance with these maximum periods will have any negative effect on health, in particular of those persons who handle such infectious waste in hazardous waste incineration plants.



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