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PROTECTIVE MEASURE

The Ministry of Health, as the administrative authority with the appropriate jurisdiction under Section 80(1)(h) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on the Protection of Public Health and on Amendments to Certain Related Acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”) **decrees**, under the procedure defined in Section 68(1) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., the following Protective Measure aiming to provide protection from introduction of the disease COVID-19, caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, into the country:

I.

With effect as of 15th May 2021 at 00:00 hours,

I. it has been decreed

1. that all persons who entered the territory of the Czech Republic after 15th May 2021, 00:00 hours,
 - a) and who are exhibiting any signs of a starting infectious disease (including but not limited to an increased temperature, cough, shortness of breath, digestive problems, loss of the sense of smell, overall weakness and possibly other symptoms) shall immediately report this fact over the telephone or by another means of remote access to their registering provider of medical services in the field of general medical care or general medical care for children and adolescents or, if they do not have a registering provider, to any provider of general medical care or general medical care for children and adolescents,
 - b) shall submit themselves, when crossing the state border, to a medical examination in order to be checked for symptoms of an infectious disease, and if symptoms of an infectious disease are identified, they shall provide medical staff with the cooperation necessary for taking of a biological sample for the purpose of testing for the presence of COVID-19;
2. that all persons who were staying for more than 12 hours during the last 14 days in the territories of those countries, which are on the list of countries with a medium risk of transmission of COVID-19 under point III.1 hereof,
 - a) shall report this fact immediately before entering the territory of the Czech Republic by filling in the electronic Passenger Locator Form as mentioned under point III.4, via remote access, to a regional Public Health Office with jurisdiction over the person’s normal place of residence or registered place of residence;
 - b) shall have a written confirmation from an accredited laboratory of a negative result of an antigen or RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 before entering the territory of the Czech Republic; this does not apply to persons mentioned in point I.22 or point I.24; the antigen test must be carried out no more than 24 hours and RT-PCR test no more than 72 hours before the beginning of the travel;

- c) shall present on request during the border control or residence check the certificate of the filling-in of the electronic Passenger Locator Form (the statement), the written confirmation mentioned in letter b) or in point I.22 letter a), if the person is obliged to carry them, or a diplomatic note under point III.6 or a medical certificate under point I.6 letter h);
3. that all persons who were staying for more than 12 hours during the last 14 days in the territories of those countries, which are on the list of countries with a high risk of transmission of COVID-19 under point III.1 hereof,
- a) shall report this fact immediately before entering the territory of the Czech Republic by filling in the electronic Passenger Locator Form as mentioned under point III.4, via remote access, to a regional Public Health Office with jurisdiction over the person's normal place of residence or registered place of residence;
- b) shall have a written confirmation from an accredited laboratory of a negative result of an antigen or RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 before entering the territory of the Czech Republic; this does not apply to persons mentioned in point I.22; the antigen test must be carried out no more than 24 hours and RT-PCR test no more than 72 hours before the beginning of the travel;
- c) shall present on request during the border control or residence check the certificate of the filling-in of the electronic Passenger Locator Form (the statement), the written confirmation mentioned in letter b) or in point I.22 letter b), if the person is obliged to carry them, or a diplomatic note under point III.6 or a medical certificate under point I.6 letter h);
- d) within 5 days of entering the territory of the Czech Republic, they shall take an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 at their expense;
4. that all persons who were staying for more than 12 hours during the last 14 days in the territories of those countries, which are on the list of countries with a very high risk of transmission of COVID-19 under point III.1 hereof,
- a) shall report this fact immediately before entering the territory of the Czech Republic by filling in the electronic Passenger Locator Form as mentioned under point III.4, via remote access, to a regional Public Health Office with jurisdiction over the person's normal place of residence or registered place of residence;
- b) shall have a written confirmation from an accredited laboratory of a negative result of a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 before entering the territory of the Czech Republic; the test must be carried out no more than 72 hours before the beginning of the travel; this does not apply to persons mentioned in point I.22;
- c) shall present on request during the border control or residence check the certificate of the filling-in of the electronic Passenger Locator Form (the statement), the written confirmation mentioned in letter b) or in point I.22 letter c) or a diplomatic note under point III.6 or a medical certificate under point I.6 letter h);
- d) no sooner than the 5th day, however no later than the 14th day, from entering the territory of the Czech Republic, they shall take an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 at their expense, unless the public health protection authority decides in very exceptional cases on other quarantine measures in individual cases in accordance with Act No. 258/2000 Coll. and on the duration of such measures.

5. that all persons who were staying for more than 12 hours during the last 14 days in the territories of those countries, which are on the list of countries with an extreme risk of transmission of COVID-19 under the Protective Measure of the Ministry of Health, with the exception of international transport workers, provided that the reason for their entry into the country is supported by an adequate document, and persons younger than 5 years;
- a) shall report this fact immediately before entering the territory of the Czech Republic by filling in the electronic Passenger Locator Form as mentioned under point III.4, via remote access, to a regional Public Health Office with jurisdiction over the person's normal place of residence or registered place of residence;
 - b) before entering the territory of the Czech Republic, shall have:
 - i. a written confirmation from an accredited laboratory of a negative result of a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 before entering the territory of the Czech Republic; the test must be carried out no more than 72 hours before the beginning of the travel; this does not apply to persons mentioned in point I.22,
 - ii. a confirmation of reservation of a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 that will be undergone within 24 hours from the entry into the territory of the Czech Republic;
 - c) shall present on request during the border control or residence check the certificate of the filling-in of the electronic Passenger Locator Form (the statement), the written confirmation mentioned in letter b) point i. or in point I.22 letter c) or a diplomatic note under point III.8 and a confirmation under letter b) point ii.;
 - d) shall take a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 at their expense within 24 hours from the entry into the territory of the Czech Republic;
 - e) no sooner than the 10th day, however no later than the 14th day, from entering the territory of the Czech Republic, they shall take a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 at their expense, unless the public health protection authority decides in very exceptional cases on other quarantine measures in individual cases in accordance with Act No. 258/2000 Coll. and on the duration of such measures;
6. that points I.2 through I.4 do not apply to:
- a) international transport workers, provided that the reason for their entry into the country is supported by an adequate document;
 - b) the citizens of the European Union, including the citizens of the Czech Republic, and foreign nationals with long-term or permanent residence permit for residence in the European Union who transit by air across the Czech Republic within 12 hours or who travel to or from the Czech Republic for a period not exceeding 12 hours, if they are not persons travelling from countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19 transmission; those foreign nationals travelling from a country with a high risk of COVID-19 transmission, if they are not countries under point I.7, are only allowed to travel to the Czech Republic for reasons stated in point II.3; persons transiting by land, who are travelling from a country with an extreme or very high risk of COVID-19 transmission, have the obligation to have a written confirmation from an accredited laboratory of a negative result of an antigen or RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 before entering the territory of the Czech Republic; the

antigen test must be carried out no more than 24 hours and RT-PCR test no more than 72 hours before the beginning of the travel;

- c) accredited members of diplomatic missions in the Czech Republic including private servants, holders of service passports issued by the Czech Republic and holders of diplomatic passports who are travelling to or from the Czech Republic for the purpose of diplomatic service and officials of international organisations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, provided that their stay in the country or outside the country does not exceed 72 hours;
- d) persons younger than 5 years, and minors with intellectual impairment, autism spectrum disorder, and cognitive impairment or severe mental retardation, whose mental abilities or current state of mind do not allow them to comply with this protection measure and who have a written medical certificate in English for this purpose issued by a doctor operating in the Czech Republic or in another Member State of the European Union; the certificate must contain a stamp, the identification data and the telephone number of the doctor;
- e) professional athletes and members of the national representation of the Czech Republic or other countries, including persons essential for sporting events permitted by the Ministry of Health's exception, who are allowed individual training activities or participation in a mass event for which binding hygienic and anti-epidemic conditions have been established; only point I.4(d) shall not apply to these persons and they are obliged to undergo an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 at their own expense after entering the territory of the Czech Republic from a country with a high or very high risk of transmission and to have a negative result of such test;
- f) cross-border workers, pupils and students who cross the state border with the Czech Republic to or from a neighbouring country for the purpose of work or studies regularly at least once a week on an authorised basis and travels to or from a neighbouring country for the purpose of exercising the right to take care of or be in contact with a minor child, or for the purpose of visiting one's spouse who works or study in a neighbouring country;
- g) members of prison service or police officers carrying out escorting activities or providing security on airplanes;
- h) the citizens of the Czech Republic, the citizens of the European Union and the holders of a valid long-term visa, a card on a long-term, temporary or permanent residence permit for residence in the territory of the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic who are issued with a written medical certificate in the English language, issued by a physician working in the Czech Republic or another member state of the European Union
 - i. that they do not have any clinical signs of COVID-19, that they have provably recovered from COVID-19,
 - ii. that they have completed isolation to the required extent due to a positive result of an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 according to the valid extraordinary measures ordered by the Ministry of Health or a measure of another member state of the European Union, and
 - iii. that at least 14 days, but not more than 90 days, passed from the first positive result of an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2;

the certificate must contain the stamp, the doctor's identification details and the telephone number; a possible sample of a confirmation is published at the website of the Ministry of Health;

- i) critical infrastructure service personnel whose performance is in the interest of the Czech Republic; only point I.3(d) and point I.4(d) shall not apply to such persons;
 - j) persons in possession of a diplomatic note confirming proven and completed isolation due to COVID-19 disease in accordance with point III.6;
 - k) cross-border cooperation within the intervention of the integrated rescue system services;
7. that point I.2 and I.3, with the exception of obligation concerning the Passenger Locator Form, do not apply to persons that were issued by the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Austria, the Slovak Republic or the Republic of Slovenia, or - if they are citizens of the Czech Republic who have been deployed to perform service or work abroad pursuant to Act No. 150/2017 Coll., the Act on Foreign Service and on Amendments to Certain Acts (Act of Foreign Service) and their family members who accompany or have accompanied them – by another country, which is not on the list of countries with a very high or extreme risk of COVID-19 transmission, a national certificate of vaccination against COVID-19 disease, from which the following time has passed:
- i) in the case of a two-dose schedule based on the summary of product characteristics, at least 22 days but not more than 3 months after the first dose of vaccine has been administered,
 - ii) in the case of a two-dose schedule based on the summary of product characteristics, and in the case of a second dose of vaccine not more than 9 months after the first dose of vaccine,
 - iii) in the case of a single-dose schedule based on the summary of product characteristics, at least 22 days but not more than 9 months after the administration of the vaccine dose,
- (hereinafter referred to as "vaccinated persons"); the persons are obliged to present a certificate of vaccination against COVID-19 disease at a border or residence check
8. that all regional Public Health Offices decide on the necessary quarantine measures for the persons who report their entry into the territory of the Czech Republic under points I.3 through I.5 and who do not have the obligation to undergo a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2, and if the test proves the presence of SARS-CoV-2, they should decide on isolation pursuant to Section 64(a) in conjunction with Section 2(6) and (7) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Public Health Protection and on amendments to certain related Acts, as amended, or they should proceed according to the applicable provisions of the Public Health Protection Act for those persons who reported their entry into the territory of the Czech Republic under points I.3 through I.5 and who have the obligation to undergo a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2, and on whom no other quarantine measures were imposed and who failed to undergo a RT-PCR test under point I.3(d) or I.4(d) or I.5(d) or (e);
9. that all citizens of third countries, which are not on the list of countries with an extreme risk or a low risk of transmission of COVID-19 under the Protective Measure of the Ministry of Health or under point III.1, and third country nationals who have temporary or permanent residence in such third countries are prohibited from entering the territory of the Czech Republic; this does not apply to:

- a) foreign nationals with a long-term residence permit or permanent residence permit for residence in countries with a low risk of transmission of COVID-19 under point III.1;
- b) holders of a valid long-term visa, a long-term, temporary or permanent residence permit card for residence in the territory of the Czech Republic, issued by the Czech Republic;
- c) foreign nationals who were issued a short-term visa by the Czech Republic after 11 May 2020, provided that they have the written confirmation referred to in point I.3(b) or I.4(b);
- d) foreign nationals with permitted long-term or permanent residence in the European Union;
- e) family members within the meaning of Section 15(a) para. 1 or Section 15(a) para. 2(b) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Territory of the Czech Republic and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended, citizens of the Czech Republic or citizens of the European Union with their place of residence in the territory of the Czech Republic;
- f) foreign nationals whose entry into the country is in the interest of the Czech Republic, provided that the reason for their entry into the country is supported by an adequate document and provided that they have the written confirmation referred to in point I.3(b) or I.4(b) or a diplomatic note referred to in point III.6;
- g) international transport workers, provided that the reason for their entry into the country is supported by an adequate document;
- h) accredited members of diplomatic missions in the Czech Republic including private servants, holders of diplomatic passports who are travelling to the Czech Republic for the purpose of diplomatic service provided that their stay in the country does not exceed 72 hours and officials of international organisations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- i) in special urgent situations (the need to provide planned medical services, performance of an obligation imposed by a court, a travel based on a summons from a government authority, execution of a judgment, dealings with public authorities, necessary care for close family members who are unable to take care of themselves on their own, exercise of the right to take care of a minor child or be in contact with a minor child, other humanitarian situations), provided that the reason for the entry into the country is supported by an adequate document and provided that they have the written confirmation referred to in point I.3(b) or I.4(b);
- j) for a foreign national who has a demonstrable permanent partnership with a citizen of the Czech Republic or with the EU citizen with temporary residence certificate for a stay of over 90 days or with permanent residence permit, who has accepted the obligations set out in point I.11, based especially on living in the same household with him or her and has been admitted to the territory of the Czech Republic pursuant to this point based on a confirmation issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and provided that they have the written confirmation referred to in point I.3(b) or I.4(b) or a diplomatic note referred to in point III.6,;

10. that all foreign nationals, who are nationals of countries with an extreme risk of transmission of COVID-19 and who were staying for more than 12 hours during the last 14 days in those

countries, and likewise foreign national, who were staying for more than 12 hours during the last 14 days in the territories of those countries; this does not apply to:

- a) holders of a permanent residence permit in the territory of the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic,
- b) family members within the meaning of Section 15(a) para. 1 of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Territory of the Czech Republic and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended, who are holders of a temporary residence permit in the territory of the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic,
- c) citizens of the European Union who are holders of a temporary residence permit in the territory of the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic,
- d) foreign nationals whose entry into the country is in the foreign policy interest of the Czech Republic or in the interest of the Czech Republic for the public health reasons provided that the interest of the Czech Republic is supported by an adequate document,
- e) accredited members of diplomatic missions in the Czech Republic including private servants and officials of international organisations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

11. that all entities that receive foreign nationals in the country for the purpose of economic activities or educational activities who entered the territory of the Czech Republic after 1st July 2020 ensure the following for such foreign nationals:

- a) accommodation throughout their stay in the Czech Republic, including a place where a quarantine measure will be implemented, if it is imposed by the public health protection authority;
- b) medical care or a registering provider of medical services for the entire duration of their stay in the Czech Republic;
- c) payment for the medical care, unless it is ensured otherwise; this does not apply if the foreign national has a long-term residence permit;
- d) return to the foreign national's country of origin if the purpose of their stay in the Czech Republic ceases to exist, unless their return is ensured otherwise; this does not apply if the foreign national has a long-term residence permit;

12. that all third country nationals shall enclose with their application for a residence permit for the purpose of economic activities or educational activities, filed with the relevant embassy of the Czech Republic, a document referred to in Section 31(3)(b) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Territory of the Czech Republic and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended, which will contain the obligations of the entity referred to in point I.12 and shall enclose such a document with their application no later than before a visa is marked in a travel document;

13. not to receive applications for visas and temporary and permanent residence permits at the embassies of the Czech Republic in third countries, with the exception of applications for:

- a) short-term seasonal work visas or short-term employment visas, provided that the foreign national will be employed in food production, health care or welfare services; or short-term work visas if they are submitted on Ukraine by Ukrainian citizens, unless the

maximum of such visas set by the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs after negotiations with the Ministry of Health is exceeded,

- b) short-term visas for scientific, key and high-skilled workers, provided that the conditions defined in the Key and Scientific Staff Programme and the High-skilled Employee Programme have been met, and for critical infrastructure maintenance workers,
- c) short-term visas based on the grounds defined in points I.9 (e) through (j),
- d) long-term seasonal work visas,
- e) special work visas,
- f) temporary residence permits, if the applications are filed by foreign nationals included in the government Programmes for Gaining Economic or Other Significant Benefits for the Czech Republic;
- g) permanent residence permits, if the applications are filed by foreign nationals included in the government programme referred to in Government Resolution No. 1014/2014,
- h) Blue Card, long-term residence permits for the purpose of scientific research and applications for a residence permit for a stay over 90 days for spouses and minor children of scientists or applications for a Blue Card,
- i) long-term visas and long-term residence permits for the purpose of studies,
- j) long-term or permanent residence permits for the purpose of reunification of family in the country and applications for long-term visas for family purposes, if this concerns a spouse and minor children of a foreign national with long-term or permanent residence permits for residence in the territory of the Czech Republic,
- k) a long-term visa for the purpose of collecting a residence permit in the territory of the Czech Republic,
- l) a long-term visa for cultural purposes and sports-related purposes;
- m) residence permit, if the entry of these foreigners is in the interest of the Czech Republic, if the interest of the Czech Republic is supported by an appropriate document,

these exceptions only apply to applications for visas and residence permits filed at the embassies of the Czech Republic in those countries where the measures implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic allow for receiving such applications and which, if they are not the applications under point I.13 letter m) in liaison with point I.10 letter d), are not on a list of countries with an extreme risk of transmission of COVID-19; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will publish the list of such countries in such a way that it will be possible to access the list remotely;

14. to discontinue all proceedings regarding applications for visa and residence filed at the embassies of the Czech Republic in those countries whose measures implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic do not allow for carrying out acts or – with the exception of applications under point I.13 letter m) in liaison with point I.10 letter d) - in the countries with an extreme risk of transmission of COVID-19; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will publish the list of such countries in such a way that it will be possible to access the list remotely;

15. to mark a visa in a travel document at the embassies of the Czech Republic only in case of applications which may be accepted as referred to in point I.13, with the exception of point I.13 letter (j) where there are only visa related to applications for residence permits for the purpose of studying in an accredited study programme at a university and within the “Accelerated procedure for granting residence permits for foreign nationals – foreign students from third countries” programme marked; this also applies to applications received a day before this Protective Measure has come into effect;

16. that all persons referred to in points I.2 through I.5, including the persons referred to in points I.6 (a), (b), (c), (e), (h), (i) and (j) and vaccinated persons, travelling from the countries referred to in points I.2 through I.5, shall be required to wear respirators or a similar equipment (always without an exhalation valve) meeting all technical conditions and requirements (for the product), including filtration efficiency of at least 94 % according to relevant standards (e.g. FFP2, KN95) as a minimum in the situations specified in point II. for a period of 14 days after entering the territory of the Czech Republic;

17. employers and end-users of workers who are subject to the obligations referred to in point I.2 letter b), in point I.22 letter a) or in point I.24 shall prevent the entry of these persons to all establishments and workplaces of the employer, unless these persons simultaneously submit to the employer or end user for whom they perform work the written confirmation referred to in point I.2 letter b) or a negative test result referred to in point I.22 letter a) or in point I.24; the same obligation is applied to educational institutions in relation to students and teachers;

18. employers and end-users of worker who are subject to the obligations defined in points I.3(d), I.4(d) and I.5(e) shall prevent the entry of these persons to all establishments and workplaces of the employer, unless these persons simultaneously submit to the employer or end user for whom they perform work the negative result of an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 from the territory of the Czech Republic after at least 5 days pass since their arrival in the Czech Republic, if these are persons with obligations referred to in point I.4(d) or after at least 10 days pass if they are persons referred to in point I.5(e); the same obligation applies to educational institutions in relation to children or their legal representative, students and teachers; a kindergarten or similar institution must not allow the presence of children under the age of 5, unless they are children referred to in point I.6(f), who have returned from a country with a very high risk of transmission for a period of 7 days from the entry into the territory of the Czech Republic, or for a period of time of 10 days if they have returned from a country with an extreme risk of transmission; this obligation does not apply after a person completed their isolation imposed according to a decision on isolation or after a person presents a certificate of completion of another quarantine measure to the public health protection authority;

19. the persons to whom points I.17 and I.18 are applicable shall notify their employers and their educational institution of travels exceeding 12 hours to countries with a medium, high, very high and extreme risk of transmission of COVID-19;

20. to foreigners detained pursuant to Section 27 of Act No. 273/2008 Coll., On the Police of the Czech Republic, or pursuant to Act No. 326/1999 Coll., On the stay of foreigners in the territory of the Czech Republic and on the amendment of certain acts, as amended taking a biological sample to detect the presence of COVID-19 and providing healthcare professionals with the necessary cooperation in carrying out this collection at a sampling centre, a health care facility or a detention facility for foreigners;

21. that international carriers of persons are to prevent those whom they transport from countries or their parts that are not on the list of countries or their parts with a low risk of transmission of COVID-19 under point III.1 and who are required to fill in the electronic

Passenger Locator Form as referred to in points I.2 through I.5, from using their services if they are not permitted to enter the territory of the Czech Republic under this Protective Measure or if they do not submit a document confirming filling-in of the electronic Passenger Locator Form (the statement), and to further prevent a transportation if prior to the start of the travel they do not submit a written confirmation referred to in points I.2 letter b) or in point I.22 letter a) – if they travel from a country with a medium risk of transmission and if they are not vaccinated persons, in point I.3 letter b) or in point I.22 letter b) – if they travel from a country with high risk of transmission and if they are not vaccinated persons, in point I.5 letter b)(i) or in point I.22 letter c) – if they travel from a country with an extreme risk of transmission, or a diplomatic note referred to in point III.6 or a medical certificate under point I.6 letter h); the international carrier is not obliged to examine the condition whether the certificate was issued by an accredited laboratory; vaccinated persons are, apart from a document confirming filling-in of the electronic Passenger Locator Form (the statement), obliged to submit also a certificate of vaccination against COVID-19 disease;

22. to citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members according to point I.7 letter e), to citizens of the European Union with a temporary residence permit in the Czech Republic and to foreign nationals with a permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic to possess prior to entering the Czech Republic:

- a) a written confirmation from an accredited laboratory of the result of the antigen or RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in the case of transport to the Czech Republic by public transport, if they are persons who have stayed more than 12 hours in the last 14 days in the territory of countries which are on the list of countries with a medium risk of COVID-19 according to point III.1; this does not apply to vaccinated persons; the antigen test must be carried out no more than 24 hours and the RT-PCR test no more than 72 hours before the start of the travel;
- b) a written confirmation from an accredited laboratory of the result of the antigen or RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in the case of transport to the Czech Republic by public transport, if they are persons who have stayed more than 12 hours in the last 14 days in the territory of countries which are on the list of countries with a high risk of COVID-19 according to point III.1; this does not apply to vaccinated persons; the antigen test must be carried out no more than 24 hours and the RT-PCR test no more than 72 hours before the start of the travel;
- c) a written confirmation by an accredited laboratory of the result of the antigen or RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2, in the case of persons who have stayed for more than 12 hours in the last 14 days in the territory of countries with a very high risk of COVID-19 according to point III.1 or in the list of countries with an extreme risk of transmission of COVID-19 under the Protective Measure of the Ministry of Health; the antigen test must be carried out no more than 24 hours and the RT-PCR test no more than 72 hours before the start of the travel

23. to persons according to point I.22 letter a) who do not use for the transport public transport in the Czech Republic to undergo an antigen test or an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 at their own expense within 5 days after entering the territory of the Czech Republic;

24. to persons according to point I.22, who plan to enter the territory of the Czech Republic and who have been tested positive for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 less than 14 days prior to the planned entry to the territory of the Czech Republic, to use as means of transport individual transport to and afterwards within the territory of the Czech Republic, if possible; in case of public transport to inform the carriers about the possible presence of COVID-19 disease prior to the start of the travel and after the entry to the territory of the Czech Republic the healthcare professionals carrying out a test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 and the regionally competent Public Health Office regardless of means of transport; these persons are

likewise obliged to observe the rules of isolation upon entry to the territory of the Czech Republic for 3 days from the disappearance of the disease's symptoms but at least for 14 days from the first test, which showed the presence of SARS-CoV-2, unless the Public Health Office does not decide otherwise;

II. prohibits

1. all persons referred to in points I.3, with the exception of vaccinated persons, I.4 and I.6(d) with the exception of persons referred to in point I.6 (e) and (i), from freely moving around the territory of the entire Czech Republic during their stay in the territory of the Czech Republic until they present the result of an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 carried out in the Czech Republic or until the termination of the quarantine measure, and in the case of persons under point I.6 letter d) for the duration of 5 days, with the exception of the following:
 - a) travels absolutely necessary to procure basic necessities of life, to take care of children or to take care of animals; the use of necessary financial and postal services; refuelling vehicles,
 - b) travels to medical facilities and welfare facilities,
 - c) travels taken to take care of urgent official matters,
 - d) travels back to one's place of residence,
 - e) funerals;
2. all persons referred to in point I.5 and persons younger than 5 years under point I.7 from freely moving around the territory of the Czech Republic during their stay in the territory of the Czech Republic until they present the result of a RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 carried out in the Czech Republic in accordance with point I.5(e) and in the case of children under the age of 5 for the duration of 10 days or until the termination of the quarantine measure, with the exception of the following:
 - a) travels absolutely necessary to procure basic necessities of life, to take care of children or to take care of animals; the use of necessary financial and postal services; refuelling vehicles,
 - b) travels to medical facilities,
 - c) travels back to one's place of residence,
3. the stay of foreign nationals in the territory of the Czech Republic who are not allowed to enter the territory of the Czech Republic according to this Protective Measure by the Ministry of Health and who are not traveling across the territory of the Czech Republic for reasons of travel to and from work or other similar activities, provision of child, relatives or animal care, essential travel to health and social services facilities including the necessary escort of relatives and close persons, travel for urgent official or emergency matters including the provision of the necessary escorts of relatives and close persons, attendance of funerals, travel for education including internships and examinations, participation in an authorized assembly, travel to one's place of residence;

III. provides

1. that the list of the countries or their parts with a low, medium, high and very high risk of transmission of COVID-19 is defined based on criteria listed in the Council Recommendations, which are:
 - a) the “14-day cumulative COVID-19 case notification rate”, that is, the total number of newly notified COVID-19 cases per 100 000 population in the last 14 days at region level;
 - b) the “test positivity rate”, that is, the percentage of positive tests among all tests for COVID-19 infection carried out during the last week; and
 - c) the “testing rate”, that is, the number of tests for COVID-19 infection per 100 000 population carried out during the last week; this rate must be at least 300 per 100 000 population; with the following being applicable:
 - i) the list of countries with a low risk of transmission of COVID-19 always contains those member states of the European Union, which report a value of no more than 25 for the criterion specified in point a), unless they simultaneously report the value of 4 % or higher for the criterion specified in point b), as well as selected third countries referred to in Annex I to Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912, as amended;
 - ii) the list of countries with a medium risk of transmission of COVID-19 contains those member states of the European Union, which report a value lower than 50 for the criterion specified in point a) while simultaneously reporting a value of 4 % and higher for the criterion specified in point b), or which report values between 25 and 150 for the criterion specified in point a) while simultaneously reporting a value of 4 % and lower for the criterion specified in point b);
 - iii) the list of countries with a high risk of transmission of COVID-19 contains those member states of the European Union, which report values between 50 and 150 for the criterion specified in point a) while simultaneously reporting a value of 4 % or higher for the criterion specified in point b), or which report values between 150 and 500 for the criterion specified in point a);
 - iv) the list of countries with a very high risk of transmission of COVID-19 contains those member states of the European Union, which report a value of 500 or higher for the criterion specified in point a); these countries also include those third countries, which are not on the list of countries with a low risk of transmission of COVID-19; these countries also include those member states of the European Union, in which community spreading of new variants of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus predominates;

the list of the countries is defined by a notice published on the website of the Ministry of Health; the list of countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19 transmission is defined by a special Protective Measure of the Ministry of Health;

2. that a third country national is any foreign national other than a citizen of the European Union and other than a foreign national within the meaning of Section 1(3) of Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Territory of the Czech Republic and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended,
3. that in the event of a change of the entity with which the foreign national will perform an economic activity or educational activity, carried out in accordance with the legal

regulations of the Czech Republic, the obligations specified in point I.11 shall be borne by the last entity,

4. that the electronic Passenger Locator Form is available at www.prijezdovyformular.cz; the processed personal data beyond the scope of Section 79(1) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll. include number of travel document, citizenship, email address, and telephone number,
5. that for the purpose of this Protective Measure the following countries are regarded as member states of the European Union in addition to the actual member states of the European Union: Swiss Confederation, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Principality of Andorra, the Principality of Monaco, the Republic of San Marino and the Vatican City State,
6. that citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members according to point I.9 letter e) or the partners referred to in point I.9 letter j) if the persons travel together and if they are permitted to enter, and foreign nationals with permanent residence permit in the territory of the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union with a temporary residence permit in the territory of the Czech Republic and furthermore persons according to point I.6 letter i) that are subject to the obligation under point I.2 letter b) or point I.22 letter a), I. 3 letter b) or point I.22 letter b) or I.4 letter b) or I.5 b)(i) or point I.22 letter c) may for the purposes of point I.21 before entry into the territory of the Czech Republic possess instead of a written confirmation under point I.1 letter b) or point I.22 letter a), I. 3 letter b) or point I.22 letter b) or I.4 letter b) or point I.22 letter c) a one-time only diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic certifying the impossibility of obtaining the necessary test in the country of departure or certifying a one-time only proven isolation due to COVID-19 disease in the country of departure; persons who have been issued a diplomatic note due to the impossibility of obtaining the necessary test are obliged to undergo an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 immediately upon entering the territory of the Czech Republic, or in case of persons travelling from countries with a medium risk of transmission to undergo an antigen or an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2, and are obliged to fulfil other obligations relevant to persons who have arrived from countries in accordance with risk of transmission, unless this Protective Measure provides otherwise; a diplomatic note certifying the proven isolation due to COVID-19 disease in the country of departure is not issued as a general rule earlier than 14 days from the first positive RT-PCR test result for the presence of SARS-CoV-2;
7. that, for the purposes of this Protective Measure, the term "written confirmation" means both paper (original or plain copy) and electronic, provided that it indicates the first name, last name and date of birth or a number of a travel document of the person in question; written confirmation in electronic form cannot be submitted in the form of an SMS message;
8. that, for the purposes of this Protective Measure, the term "spouse" means likewise a registered partner.

II.

The Protective Measure of the Ministry of Health with the ref. no. MZDR 20599/2020-76/MIN/KAN of 3rd May 2021 will be terminated with effect as of 15th May 2021, 00:00 hours.

III.

This Protective Measure has come into effect on the date of its issuance.

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