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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 on the amendment of certain related acts, as amended, and Section 2(1) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., on Extraordinary Measures during the COVID-19 Disease Epidemic and on the amendment of certain related acts, orders this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(b) and (i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., and pursuant to Section 2(2)(b) through (e) and (i) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., in order to protect the population against the further spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

I.

Effective from 25 May 2021, the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 19 May 2021, Ref. No. MZDR 14601/2021-13/MIN/KAN, as amended by the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of 22 May 2021, Ref. No. 21735/2021-1/MIN/KAN, is amended in that Art. I(5)(a) reads:

“a) persons who do not show clinical symptoms of COVID-19, except for children under 6 years of age, shall

- i) demonstrate that they meet all the conditions stipulated under point I/18, or
- ii) present a confirmation from their employer demonstrating that they took an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, and that the result was negative, or
- iii) they present a statutory declaration or a statutory declaration of their legal representative stating that they took an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, that the result was negative, or
- iv) take an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by the general public at least in the preceding 72 hours, with a negative result;

these persons may be accommodated for at most 7 days; to extend the stay they must again fulfil the foregoing condition or undergo a preventive antigen test to determine the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen, intended for self-testing or certified under the Ministry of Health for use by non-professionals, with a negative result.”

II.

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

Rationale:

The provision of accommodation services is restricted in that apart from the exceptions specified below, accommodation may be provided only to persons who present a negative result of a test to stipulate the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or its antigen, which is no more than 72 hours old (from the time of testing), or prove confirmation from the employer that they have taken a test no more than 72 hours ago, or undergo a preventive antigen test designated for self-testing on the spot, or proof of a performed vaccination or recovery from the illness. In the case of persons who present a negative test, confirmation from the employer or self-test performed on the spot, it is necessary to repeat the test at an interval of no more than once every 7 days, which is why accommodation is permitted only for 7 days, whereas after submitting the negative test or performance of an approved self-test on the spot, it may be extended for another 7 days. Because contact with the infection cannot be precluded during the stay, this testing must be repeated at an interval of at least once every 7 days. If this testing were not to be performed, the quick spread of the infection among other guests and staff at the accommodation facility would be likely, because these are indoor premises, often combined with a restaurant where protection of the airways is not used while eating. The given system is defined in the same way as for the provision of other services, such as epidemiologically serious activities.

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