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## EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health, as the competent administrative authority, pursuant to Section 2(1) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., on extraordinary measures concerning the COVID-19 epidemic and amendments to certain related acts, **orders** this Extraordinary Measure, proceeding pursuant to Section 2(2)(e) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., in order to protect the population from the further spread of COVID-19 caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2:

### I.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 14 June 2021, the extraordinary measure of 7 June 2021, ref. no. MZDR 14601/2021-18/MIN/KAN, is amended, in such a manner that Article I(12) will read:

- “12. Pursuant to Section 2(2)(e) of Act No. 94/2021 Coll., the conditions are stipulated for the staging of concerts and other musical, theatre, film and other artistic performances including circuses and variety shows, sports matches, games, etc. (hereinafter “Sports Events”), congresses, educational events and examinations in person, in that
- a) the maximum permitted number of spectators, audience members or attendees present (hereinafter “Spectators”) if an event is held in external spaces cannot be more than 2,000 persons; if the presence of Spectators is enabled in spaces for standing, the organizer will not permit the presence of more Spectators than one standing Spectator per 4 m<sup>2</sup> of standing space; Spectators in sectors for standing are ordered to maintain distancing of at least 2 metres, unless they are persons from a common household;
  - b) the maximum permissible number of Spectators present if an event is held in indoor spaces cannot exceed 1,000 and also more Spectators than is equal to 50% of the total seating capacity cannot be present; all Spectators have to be seated in such a manner that, with the exception of persons from a common household, there is also no less than one empty seat between individual Spectators;
  - c) if an event is held in spaces with a greater capacity for sitting Spectators than 2,000, it is permissible to increase the maximum number of Spectators present in such a manner so that it is no more than 25% of the capacity for seating Spectators; all Spectators have to be seated in such a manner that, with the exception of persons from a common household, there is always at least one empty seat between individual Spectators and, if possible, there is also one empty row;
  - d) only persons who do not show clinical symptoms of COVID-19 and meet, with the

exception of children under 6 years of age, the conditions stipulated point I/16, may be present at an event;

the event organizer is obliged to check persons entering an event, and a person is obliged to demonstrate the fulfilment of the conditions pursuant to point I/16; in the event that a person does not prove fulfilment of the conditions pursuant to point I/16, the organizer is obligated to not allow such a person into the event,

- e) the distance of Spectators from the stage or other place determined for performers or the sports area must be at least 2 m;
- f) refreshment in the form of a buffet may only be served as an offer of packaged single portions for direct consumption of the designated foods and meals or as a serviced buffet, whereas the consumption of food and beverages in the auditorium is prohibited,”

## II.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the date of its issue.

### **Rationale:**

The extraordinary measures regulates the holding of cultural presentations, sports events and educational events. In connection with positive epidemiological trends, where the cumulative seven-day number of proved cases per 100,000 of population fell as of 6 June 2021 to 20.6 new cases, there has been a certain alleviation of the current rules for the holding of such events.

The restriction on concerts and other musical, theatre, film and other artistic performances, including circuses and variety shows and sports matches, games, races, etc., congresses, educational events and rehearsals in in-person form consists of the determination of a maximum permitted number of participants not exceeding 50% of the total seating capacity in indoor space, and the total number of persons present must not exceed 2,000 persons if an event is held on outdoor premises, or 1,000 persons if an event is held in indoor premises. The restriction to 50% of the capacity is introduced, in particular, to prevent the undesirable gathering of persons, in particular during the entry and exit of attendees and when using cloakrooms or toilets; when complying with the timing of various arrivals and departures of groups of attendees, ideally using multiple entrances/exits, if it is technically possible in the event of a restriction to 50% of capacity it is appropriate to maintain the relatively smooth arrival and departure of attendees.

The condition of leaving at least one empty seat between individual Spectators will ensure the maintenance of sufficient distancing between individuals. In the case of an event in outdoor spaces, standing for Spectators is newly enabled, provided they maintain a distance of 2 m from other persons. For the purpose of complying with this condition, an organizer is also ordered to ensure that there is 4 m<sup>2</sup> of standing space per one standing Spectator. This space corresponds to the option of ensuring sufficient distancing of 2 m from other persons. When determining a safe interval, the Ministry of Health used a number of foreign studies, where a safe distance of six feet (1.8m) is given. If an event is held in spaces (whether internal or external) with a greater capacity for sitting Spectators than 2,000, it is permissible to increase the maximum number of Spectators present in such a manner that it is no more than 25% of the capacity for sitting Spectators, under the condition that all the Spectators are seated (again in every other seat and, if possible, every other row), with the exception of persons from a common household. Such a method of seating can also ensure sufficient distancing from other

persons.

General conditions are also stipulated, meaning that an event cannot be attended by persons exhibiting the clinical symptoms of COVID-19, which primarily means the symptoms described in the following link <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/covid-19/latest-evidence/clinical>, and that do not show the organizer a negative result of a test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 or its antigen or a document on having had COVID-19 or a document on vaccination. Enabling a buffet with service is aimed at accelerating the issue of food in comparison with self-service and also preventing the gathering of persons and limiting handling of food or service cutlery by a large number of persons. In order to reduce the risk of transmission of illness, there is a prohibition against consuming food, including drinks, in the auditorium, as during consumption it is necessary to remove the protection of the airways and it is not possible to ensure the sufficient protection of surrounding persons.

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