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## PROTECTIVE MEASURE

The Ministry of Health, as the administrative authority competent pursuant to Section 80(1)(h) of Act No 258/2000 on the protection of public health and amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No 258/2000"), **hereby orders** the following Protective Measure in accordance with the procedure laid down in Section 68(1) of Act No 258/2000 to provide protection against the introduction of COVID-19, a disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus:

### I.

With effect as of 00:00 hours on 21 June 2021,

#### I. orders

1. all persons entering the Czech Republic after 00:00 hours on 21 June 2021:
  - (a) who exhibit any symptoms of an incipient infectious disease (including, but not limited to, an increased temperature, cough, shortness of breath, digestive problems, loss of smell, general weakness, or other symptoms) to report this immediately by telephone or other means of remote access to the general practitioner or paediatric general practitioner with whom they are registered or, if they are not registered with such a provider of health services, to any general practitioner or paediatric general practitioner;
  - (b) upon crossing the state border, to submit to an examination for symptoms of infectious disease and, if symptoms of infectious disease are detected, to provide health professionals with the assistance necessary for a biological sample to be taken in order to test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus;
2. all persons who have stayed in states listed as countries with a moderate risk of COVID-19 under point III.1 for longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days:
  - (a) to submit the completed Passenger Locator Form referred to in point III. 3 prior to entering the Czech Republic;
  - (b) to be in possession of a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus referred to in point III.4 prior to entering the Czech Republic; citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members referred to in point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate for the Czech Republic, and foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic may take the test up to 5 days after arrival in the Czech Republic if they are not travelling by public transport or if they are holders of a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic on the impossibility of arranging for a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus outside the Czech Republic;
  - (c) to provide proof, if so requested during a border or residence check, of completion of the Passenger Locator Form (notification), a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point (b), or written proof that they are exempt under this Protective Measure;

3. that point I.2 shall not apply to persons referred to in point I.10, save as otherwise provided below, and point I.2(b) shall furthermore not apply to:

- (a) vaccinated persons pursuant to point III.5;
- (b) Czech citizens and citizens of the European Union holding a temporary stay Registration Certificate or a permanent residence permit issued by the Czech Republic who have been issued a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.7, and
- (c) persons who have already had COVID-19 pursuant to point III.8;

4. all persons who have stayed in states listed as countries with a high risk of COVID-19 under point III.1 for longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days:

- (a) to submit the completed Passenger Locator Form referred to in point III.3 prior to entering the Czech Republic;
- (b) to be in possession of a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus referred to in point III.4 prior to entering the Czech Republic; citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members referred to in point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate in the Czech Republic, and foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic may take the test up to 5 days after arrival in the Czech Republic in accordance with point (d) if they are not travelling by public transport or if they are holders of a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic on the impossibility of arranging for a test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus outside the Czech Republic;
- (c) to provide proof, if so requested during a border or residence check, of completion of the Passenger Locator Form (notification), a negative test result for the establishing presence of SARS-CoV-2 pursuant to point (b), or written proof that they are exempt under this Protective Measure;
- (d) to undergo an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus within 5 days of entering the Czech Republic;
- (e) to undergo self-isolation in accordance with point III.9 pending the result of the RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point (d);

5. that point I.4 shall not apply to persons referred to in point I.10, save as otherwise provided below, and point I.4(b), (d) and (e) shall furthermore not apply to:

- (a) vaccinated persons pursuant to point III.5;
- (b) Czech citizens and citizens of the European Union holding a temporary stay Registration Certificate or a permanent residence permit issued by the Czech Republic who have been issued a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.7, and
- (c) persons who have had COVID-19 pursuant to point III.8;

6. all persons who have stayed in states listed as countries with a very high risk of COVID-19 under point III.1 for longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days:

- (a) to submit a completed Passenger Locator Form referred to in point III.3 prior to entering the Czech Republic;
- (b) to be in possession of a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus referred to in point III.4(b) *or, as of 1 July 2021, the same type of test pursuant to point III.4(c)* prior to entering the Czech Republic; citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members referred to in point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate in the Czech Republic, and foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic may also be in possession of a negative test result for establishing the presence of SARS-CoV-2 pursuant to point III.4(a); the obligation to be in possession

of a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus shall not apply to holders of a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic confirming the impossibility of arranging for a SARS-CoV-2 test outside the Czech Republic;

- (c) to provide proof, if so requested during a border or residence check, of completion of the Passenger Locator Form (notification), a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point (b), or written proof that they are exempt under this Protective Measure;
- (d) to undergo an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus no earlier than on the 5th day and no later than on the 14th day after entering the Czech Republic, unless, entirely exceptionally in individual cases, a public health protection authority decides on other quarantine measures in accordance with Act No 258/2000 and on the duration of such measures;
- (e) to undergo self-isolation in accordance with point III.9 pending the result of the RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point (d);

7. that point I.6 shall not apply to persons referred to in point I.10, save as otherwise provided for below; point I.6 (d) and (e) shall also not apply to

- a) Czech citizens and citizens of the European Union holding a temporary stay Registration Certificate or a permanent residence permit issued by the Czech Republic who have already had Covid-19, pursuant to point III.8, and
- b) Czech citizens and citizens of the European Union holding a temporary stay Registration Certificate or a permanent residence permit issued by the Czech Republic who have been issued a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.7, or a national full vaccination certificate pursuant to point III.6, where at least 14 days have passed since full vaccination, but no more than 9 months have passed since application of the vaccine;

For persons specified under letters (a) and (b) above, the obligations pursuant to point I.4 letters (d) and (e) shall apply instead of the obligations pursuant to point I.6 (d) and (e),

8. all persons who have stayed in states listed as countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19 under a protective measure of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic for longer than 12 hours in the last 14 days:

- (a) to submit a completed Passenger Locator Form referred to in point III.3 prior to entering the Czech Republic;
- (b) prior to entering the Czech Republic, to be in possession of:
  - i. a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus referred to in point III.4(b), or, as of 1 July 2021, the same type of test as referred to in point III.4(c) or a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus referred to in point III.4(a) in the case of Czech citizens and their family members referred to in point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate for the Czech Republic, and foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic; the obligation to be in possession of a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus shall not apply to holders of a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic concerning the impossibility of arranging for a test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus outside the Czech Republic;
  - ii. confirmation that they have an appointment for an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that will be carried out within 24 hours of entry into the Czech Republic;

- (c) to provide proof, if so requested during a border or residence check, of completion of the Passenger Locator Form (notification), a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point (b) or (i), or written proof that they are exempt under point I.9;
- (d) to undergo an RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus within 24 hours of entering the Czech Republic;
- (e) to undergo an RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus no earlier than on the 10th day and no later than on the 14th day after entering the Czech Republic, unless, entirely exceptionally in individual cases, a public health protection authority decides on other quarantine measures in accordance with Act No 258/2000 and on the duration of such measures;
- (f) to undergo self-isolation in accordance with point III.9 pending the result of the RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point (e);
- (g) in situations described in point III.9 to wear a respirator or similar device (without an exhalation valve) meeting at least all technical conditions and requirements (for the product), including a minimum filtration efficiency of 94% pursuant to the relevant standards (e.g. FFP2, KN95), at all times upon leaving their place of stay for 14 days after entering the Czech Republic;

9. that point I.8 shall not apply to international transport workers, if the reason for their entry is duly documented, persons under 6 years of age and for persons specified in point I.11 with the exception of the obligations relating to the Passenger Locator Form;

10. that obligations arising from the anti-epidemic measures introduced and relating to arrivals from countries with a moderate, high or very high risk of COVID-19 shall not apply to:

- (a) international transport workers, provided that the reason for their entry is supported by the corresponding documentation;
- (b) citizens of the European Union, including citizens of the Czech Republic and foreign nationals holding a permit for long-term or permanent residence in the European Union, transiting the Czech Republic by road or rail within 12 hours and not travelling from a country with an extreme risk of infection, or travelling by road or rail to or from the Czech Republic for a period not exceeding 12 hours or, in the case of travel to or from neighbouring countries, 24 hours, unless they travel from a country with a very high or extreme risk of infection; in the event of travel from countries with a very high risk of infection, travel to the Czech Republic pursuant to this point, except for transit, may be made only for the reasons set out in point III.9;
- (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 travelling to or from the Czech Republic for official purposes, and officials of international organisations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic travelling to or from the Czech Republic for official purposes, provided that their stay in or outside the country does not exceed 72 hours;
- (d) persons under 6 years of age and minors with an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, cognitive disorder or severe mental retardation, whose mental capacities or current mental state do not allow them to comply with this Protective Measure and who have been issued with a written medical certificate in English to this effect by a physician working in the Czech Republic or in another Member State of the European Union; the certificate shall contain a stamp, the physician's identifying data, and his or her telephone number;
- (e) professional artists, professional athletes and persons representing the Czech Republic or other countries internationally, including persons necessary for a sporting or cultural event; only point I.6(d) shall not apply to these persons, who are obliged, after entering the Czech Republic from a country with a very high risk of infection, to undergo an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and to have a negative result of that test before commencing those activities;

- (f) cross-border workers, pupils and students who lawfully cross the state border with the Czech Republic to or from a neighbouring state for the purpose of work or education on a regular basis of at least once a week, and persons who travel to or from a neighbouring state in order to exercise the right to care for or have contact with a minor child, or in order to visit a spouse or registered partner who is employed or studies in a neighbouring state;
- (g) members of the Prison Service or police officers carrying out escort activities or in-flight security officers;
- (h) critical infrastructure service personnel whose activities are in the interest of the Czech Republic; only points I.4(e) and I.6(d) shall not apply to such persons;
- (i) cross-border cooperation within the framework of emergency responses by integrated rescue system services;
- (j) persons referred to in point I.11, with the exception of obligations relating to the Passenger Locator Form;

11. citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members referred to in point II.2(e) who have been issued with a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union who have been issued with temporary residence registration certificate for the Czech Republic, and foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic, for whom a test has shown the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus fewer than 14 days before their planned entry into the Czech Republic, to transport themselves to and subsequently within the Czech Republic by private transport, if possible; if they transport themselves by public transport, they shall report the possible persistence of COVID-19 to the carrier prior to the commencement of the journey and, after entering the Czech Republic, regardless of the mode of transport, to the health professionals conducting the test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the locally competent regional hygiene department; upon entering the Czech Republic, these persons shall also observe the rules of isolation for 3 days after the symptoms of the disease have disappeared, but for at least 14 days after the initial test showing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, unless the regional hygiene department decides otherwise;

12. carriers providing the international passenger transport of persons from a country or part of a country which is not on the list of countries or parts of countries where there is a low risk of contracting COVID-19 pursuant to point III.1, not to allow the transport of passengers who are not entitled to enter the Czech Republic under this Protective Measure or who are subject to the obligation to submit a completed Passenger Locator Form, unless, prior to the commencement of transportation, they submit:

- (a) proof that they have filled in a Passenger Locator Form (notification); and
- (b) a test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in accordance with this Protective Measure according to the situation at hand; this shall not apply to persons who:
  - (i) submit a medical certificate in accordance with point III.8, unless this concerns persons travelling from a country with very high or extremely high risk of infection, or a diplomatic note pursuant to point III.8,
  - (ii) submit a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic on the impossibility of arranging for a test for establishing the presence SARS-CoV-2 virus outside the Czech Republic;
  - (iii) are vaccinated in accordance with point III.5 and provide a national certificate of vaccination pursuant to point III.6, or are Czech citizens or citizens of the European Union holding a temporary stay Registration Certificate or a permanent residence permit issued by the Czech Republic who have been issued a national full vaccination

certificate pursuant to point III.7, unless they are travelling from countries with a very high or extreme risk of infection;

(iv) prove that they are persons referred to in point I.11;

international carriers are not obligated to investigate whether such certificates were issued by an accredited laboratory.

(c) confirmation of an appointment for a RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus pursuant to point I.8(b)(ii) for travellers arriving from countries with an extreme risk of infection, unless they are persons pursuant to point I.9.

13. regional hygiene departments either to decide on the necessary quarantine measures for persons who notify their entry into the Czech Republic by filling in a Passenger Locator Form and are obliged to undergo an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the Czech Republic, and, if the test shows the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, on their isolation in accordance with Section 64(a), in conjunction with Section 2(6) and (7) of Act No 258/2000 on the protection of public health and amending certain related acts, as amended, or, in the event of a breach of the obligation to undergo an RT-PCR test in the Czech Republic, to proceed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Public Health Protection Act;

14. not to accept applications for visas and temporary and permanent residence permits at diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in third countries that are not on the list of countries with a low risk of infection, other than applications for:

(a) short-stay visas for seasonal work or for employment if a foreign national is to be employed in food production, the health sector or social services, or short-stay visas for employment if they are submitted in Ukraine by nationals of Ukraine, provided that they do not exceed the maximum number of such applications set by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic after consultation with the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic;

(b) short-stay visas for scientific, key and highly skilled workers, provided that the conditions set out in the Key and Scientific Worker Programme and the Highly Skilled Worker Programme are met, and for critical infrastructure service workers;

(c) short-stay visas for the reasons set out in points II.2(e) to (j);

(d) long-stay visas for seasonal work;

(e) special work visas;

(f) temporary residence permits, if submitted by foreign nationals enrolled in government schemes intended to provide the Czech Republic with economic or other significant benefits;

(g) permanent residence permits, if submitted by foreign nationals enrolled in a government scheme pursuant to Government Resolution No 1014 of 8 December 2014;

(h) blue cards, long-term residence permits for scientific research, or residence authorisations for more than 90 days for spouses or registered partners and minor children of researchers or blue card applicants;

(i) long-stay visas and long-term residence permits for study purposes;

(j) long-term or permanent residence permits for family cohabitation in the country and long-term visas for family purposes where this concerns a spouse or registered partner and minor children of a foreign national holding a permit for long-term or permanent residence in the Czech Republic;

(k) long-stay visas for cultural and sporting purposes;

(l) residence authorisations, where the entry of such foreign nationals is in the interest of the Czech Republic, provided that this interest of the Czech Republic is supported by the corresponding documentation;

these exceptions shall apply only to applications for visas and residence permits submitted at diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in states whose measures implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic allow for such applications to be accepted and which,

except in cases concerning applications pursuant to point I.14(l), in conjunction with point II.3(d), are not listed as countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic shall publish a list of such states in a manner facilitating remote access;

15. to suspend all proceedings on visa and residence applications submitted to diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in states whose measures implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic do not allow for acts to be carried out or – with the exception of applications pursuant to point I.14(l), in conjunction with point II.3(d) – in countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic shall publish a list of such states in a manner facilitating remote access;

16. to affix a visa in a travel document at diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in third countries only in response to applications that may be accepted pursuant to point I.14, with the exception of point I.14(i), in which case only visas are only affixed in relation to applications for residence authorisations for study purposes pursuant to Section 64 of the Act on Residence of Foreign Nationals; this shall also apply to applications received before the date on which this Measure takes effect and to visas affixed so that residence permits with related applications under this point can be collected; such visas may otherwise be affixed only in the event of the loss or destruction of a previously issued residence permit;

17. all entities that accept foreign nationals in the Czech Republic for purposes of economic activity or educational activities, where those foreign nationals entered the Czech Republic after 1 July 2020, to arrange for:

- (a) the accommodation of such foreign nationals for the entire duration of their stay in the Czech Republic, including a place where quarantine measures are to be implemented if ordered by a public health protection authority;
  - (b) the health care of such foreign nationals or their enrolment with a health service provider for the entire duration of their stay in the Czech Republic;
  - (c) the coverage of the cost of such foreign nationals' health care, unless otherwise arranged; this shall not apply to foreign nationals holding a long-term residence permit;
  - (d) the repatriation of such foreign nationals to their country of origin if the purpose of their stay in the Czech Republic ceases to exist, unless this repatriation is otherwise arranged; this shall not apply to foreign nationals holding a long-term residence permit;
- if, in accordance with the legislation of the Czech Republic, there is a change in the entity where foreign nationals are to engage in economic activity or educational activity, the above obligations shall be borne by the most recent entity;

18. for all third-country nationals to submit a document pursuant to Section 31(3)(b) of Act No 326/1999 on the residence of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic and amending certain acts, as amended, containing the obligations of an entity referred to in point I.17, together with their application for a resident authorisation for purposes of economic activity or educational activities, to the given diplomatic mission of the Czech Republic no later than before a visa is affixed to their travel document;

19. for employers and end-users of workers who are subject to the obligation to undergo a test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus after entering the Czech Republic in accordance with this Protective Measure, to prevent such persons from entering all premises and workplaces of the employer unless, in accordance with this Protective Measure, they simultaneously submit that test to the employer or the end-user for whom they are performing work; the same obligation shall apply to educational institutions in relation to students and teachers; pending submission of a negative result of a test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, workers shall not be allowed to be present in the workplace; the same obligation shall apply to educational institutions in relation to students and teachers; where children under 6 years of age, other than children referred to in point

I.10(f), have returned from a country with a very high risk of infection, a nursery school or similar institution shall not allow their presence for a period of 7 days after they have entered the Czech Republic, or for a period of 10 days if they have returned from countries with an extreme risk of infection; this obligation shall not apply after the isolation has been completed further to an isolation decision or upon submission of confirmation of another quarantine measure from a public health protection authority;

20. persons covered by point I.19 to inform their employer or educational institution of travel exceeding 12 hours, or 24 hours in the case of neighbouring countries, to countries with a moderate, high, very high and extreme risk of COVID-19;

21. foreign nationals detained pursuant to Section 27 of Act No 273/2008 on the Police of the Czech Republic, or pursuant to Act No 326/1999 on the residence of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic and amending certain acts, as amended, to allow a biological sample to be taken in order to determine whether COVID-19 is present and to provide health professionals with the necessary assistance in the collection of the sample at the sampling centre of a health service provider or at an immigration removal centre;

## **II. prohibits**

1. any persons with Covid-19, except those referred to in point I.11, from entering the country;

2. any citizens of third countries that are not listed as countries with a low or extreme risk of COVID-19 under a special protective measure of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic or point III.1(1)(c)(i) and for third-country citizens who have temporary or permanent residence in those third countries from entering the Czech Republic; this shall not apply:

- (a) to foreign nationals holding a permit for long-term or permanent residence in countries where there is a low risk of contracting COVID-19 pursuant to point III.1;
- (b) to holders of a valid long-stay visa or a long-term, temporary or permanent residence permit card for residence in the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic;
- (c) to foreign nationals granted a short-stay visa by the Czech Republic after 11 May 2020, provided that they are in possession of a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in accordance with this Provisional Measure,
- (d) to foreign nationals granted long-term or permanent residence in the European Union;
- (e) to family members, within the meaning of Section 15a(1) or Section 15a(2)(b) of Act No 326/1999 on the residence of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic and amending certain acts, as amended, of citizens of the Czech Republic or citizens of the European Union resident in the Czech Republic;
- (f) if foreign nationals' entry into the Czech Republic is in the country's interest, provided that the reason for their entry into the country is supported by the corresponding documentation and provided that they are in possession of a negative test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in accordance with this Protective Measure or a diplomatic note pursuant to point III.8;
- (g) to international transport workers, provided that the reason for their entry into the country is supported by the corresponding documentation;
- (h) to accredited members of diplomatic missions in the Czech Republic, including private servants, holders of diplomatic passports travelling to the Czech Republic for official purposes, and officials of international organisations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic;
- (i) in urgent emergency situations (the need to provide planned health services, the fulfilment of a court-ordered obligation, travel on the basis of a summons from a state authority, the execution of a court decision, proceedings with authorities, an entrance exam for study pursuant to point I.14(i) in combination with point I.16, a nostrification exam, the essential care of close family members who are unable to care for



themselves, the exercise of the right to care for or have contact with a minor child, or other humanitarian situations), provided that the reason for entering the country is supported by the corresponding documentation, if the persons in question are in possession of a negative test result for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in accordance with this Protective Measure;

- (j) to a foreign national in a demonstrable permanent relationship, based in particular on cohabitation, with a citizen of the Czech Republic or with a citizen of the European Union who has temporary residence of more than 90 days or permanent residence in the Czech Republic and who has accepted the obligations referred to in point I.17 in the solemn declaration of the partnership, provided that this foreign national has been issued with confirmation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic for the purpose of being allowed to enter the Czech Republic under this point, and provided that they are in possession of a negative test result for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus according to this Protective Measure or a diplomatic note pursuant to point III.8;
  - (k) to cross-border cooperation within the framework of emergency responses by integrated rescue system services;
3. any foreign nationals who are nationals of countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19 and have stayed in those countries for more than 12 hours in the last 14 days, and for foreign nationals who have stayed in those countries for more than 12 hours in the last 14 days, to enter the Czech Republic; this shall not apply:
- (a) to holders of a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic;
  - (b) to family members, within the meaning of Section 15a(1) of Act No 326/1999 on the residence of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic and amending certain acts, as amended, who hold a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic;
  - (c) to citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic;
  - (d) to 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 public health reasons, provided that such interest of the Czech Republic is supported by the corresponding documentation;
  - (e) to accredited members of diplomatic missions in the Czech Republic, including private servants, and officials of international organisations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic;

### **III. provides**

1. that the list of the countries or parts of countries where there is a low risk, moderate, high or very high risk of COVID-19 shall be defined on the basis of criteria referred to in the Council Recommendation, comprising:
- (a) the “14-day cumulative COVID-19 case notification rate”, i.e. 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”, i.e. the percentage of positive tests among all tests for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus carried out during the past week; and
  - (c) the “testing rate”, i.e. the number of tests for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus per 100,000 population carried out during the last week; this rate must be at least 300 per 100,000 population, whereby:
    - (i) the list of countries with a low risk of COVID-19 shall always contain those Member States of the European Union which report a value of no more than 50 for the criterion referred to in point (a), unless they simultaneously report a value of 4% or higher for the criterion referred to in point (b), or which report a value of up to a

maximum of 75, while reporting a value of 1% and lower for the criterion referred to in point (b) and selected third countries referred to in Annex I to Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912, as amended;

- (ii) the list of countries with a moderate risk of COVID-19 shall contain those Member States of the European Union which report a value lower than 75 for the criterion referred to in point (a) while simultaneously reporting a value of 4% or higher for the criterion referred to in point (b), or which report values between 50 and 75 for the criterion referred to in point (a) while simultaneously reporting a value of 1% or higher for the criterion referred to in point (b), or which report values between 75 and 150 for the criterion referred to in point (a) while simultaneously reporting a value of 4% or lower for the criterion referred to in point (b);
- (iii) the list of countries with a high risk of COVID-19 shall contain those Member States of the European Union which report values from 75 to 200 for the criterion referred to in point (a) while simultaneously reporting a value of 4% or higher for the criterion referred to in point (b), or which report values from 200 to 500 for the criterion referred to in point (a) and furthermore countries specified in Preventive Measure ref. MZDR 23621/2021-1/MIN/KAN of 7 June 2021;
- (iv) the list of countries with a very high risk of COVID-19 shall contain those Member States of the European Union which report a value of 500 or higher for the criterion referred to in point (a); included among these countries shall be those third countries which are not listed as countries with a low risk of COVID-19; these countries shall also include those Member States of the European Union in which the community spread of new variants of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus predominates;

the list of countries is published in the form of a notice on the website of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic;

2. the list of countries with an extreme risk of COVID-19 is established under a special protective measure of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic;
3. that satisfaction of the obligation to submit a completed electronic Passenger Locator Form means submission in such a form that facilitates unequivocal identification of the holder and inspection of the data provided; the electronic Passenger Locator Form shall be available on the website [www.prijezdovyformular.cz](http://www.prijezdovyformular.cz); personal data processed beyond the scope of Section 79(1) of Act No 258/2000 shall be the travel document number, nationality, email address and telephone number; further to the completion and submission of the Passenger Locator Form, entry into the Czech Republic shall be notified by remote access to the regional hygiene department competent according to the place of residence or the place of notified stay;
4. that a test for establishing the presence of the SARS CoV-2 virus” means:
  - (a) in the case of antigen testing, written confirmation of a negative antigen test result issued by a healthcare services provider authorised to provide healthcare services in the country in question that is no older than 24 hours since conduction of the test;
  - (b) in the case of RT-PCR testing, an accredited laboratory’s written confirmation of a negative result of a RT-PCR test that is no older than 72 hours from the date of conduction of the RT-PCR test; or
  - (c) *as of 1 July 2021, in the case of countries to which the European Union regulation on digital COVID certificates<sup>1</sup>, only a test certificate issued in*

*accordance with the European Union regulation on digital COVID certificates<sup>1</sup> that is no older than 24 hours from the date of the antigen test or 72 hours from the date of the RT-PCR test for countries bound by that regulation;*

5. that “vaccinated person” means a person who presents a national COVID-19 vaccination certificate issued in the Member States of the European Union and who does not show any symptoms of COVID-19;

6. that, until 30 June 2021, a national vaccination certificate means a written confirmation at least in the English language issued by an authorised entity operating in the Czech Republic or in another Member State of the European Union a template for which has been published in the list of recognised national certificates on the website of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic which contains information about the person vaccinated, the type of vaccine administered, the date of vaccination, identification details of the entity which issued the confirmation, for the following vaccination scenarios:

- (a) 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 have passed since the first dose of the vaccine was administered;
  - (b) in the case of a two-dose schedule based on the summary of product characteristics and in the case of a second dose of the vaccine, not more than 9 months have passed since the first dose of the vaccine;
  - (c) in the case of a single-dose schedule based on the summary of product characteristics, at least 14 days but not more than 9 months have passed since the administration of the vaccine dose;
- where a confirmation is issued by an authorised entity, it shall be published in the list of recognised national certificates on the website of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic;

6a. *that as of 1 July 2021, the national vaccination certificate is a vaccination certificate issued in accordance with the European Union regulation on digital COVID certificates,<sup>2</sup> for the following vaccination scenarios:*

- (a) 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 have passed since the first dose of the vaccine was administered;*
- (b) in the case of a two-dose schedule based on the summary of product characteristics and in the case of a second dose of the vaccine, not more than 9 months have passed since the first dose of the vaccine;*
- (c) in the case of a single-dose schedule based on the summary of product characteristics, at least 14 days but not more than 9 months have passed since the administration of the vaccine dose;*

7. that a national vaccination certificate means a written confirmation issued at least in the English language by an authorised entity operating in a third country to a Czech citizen or to a citizen of the European Union who holds a temporary residence Registration Certificate or a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic, confirming that vaccination using a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency has been completed; a template of this certificate is published in the list of recognised national certificates on the website of the Ministry of the Health of the Czech Republic; the written confirmation must contain data concerning the vaccinated person, type of vaccine administered, identification of the entity that

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<sup>2</sup>A link to the approved text of the regulation will be added as soon as the text is published in the Official Journal of the EU.

issued the confirmation and these data must be possible to verify remotely on the basis of that specific certificate, and no less than 14 days and no more than 9 months since application of the dose of the vaccine;

8. that as of 30 June 2021, a person who has had COVID-19 shall mean a person who can demonstrate by means of a certificate confirming a past infection with Covid-19 pursuant to point III.8a or a written medical certificate in English language issued by a physician working in the Czech Republic or in another Member State of the European Union containing the physician's stamp, identifying data and telephone number, confirming that:

- (a) he/she does not have any clinical signs of COVID-19, that he/she has demonstrably recovered from the disease COVID-19;
- (b) he/she has completed the prescribed period of isolation, following a positive RT-PCR test result for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, in accordance with applicable emergency measures ordered by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic or a similar measure ordered by another Member State of the European Union; and
- (c) at least 11 days, but not more than 180 days, have passed since the first positive result of an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus;

and holders of a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, who may be citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members pursuant to point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate for the Czech Republic, or foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic, as issued by the Czech Republic, certifying that they have completed documented isolation as a result of COVID-19 in the country of departure prior to entering the Czech Republic; the diplomatic note shall not normally be issued earlier than 14 days after the first positive result of an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus;

*8a. that as of 1 July 2021 a person who has recovered from COVID-19 shall mean a person who produces a certificate of recovery from COVID-19 issued in accordance with the European Union regulation on digital COVID certificates,<sup>3</sup> provided that at least 11 days, but not more than 180 days, have elapsed since the first positive result of the RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and holders of a diplomatic note issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, who may be citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members pursuant to point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate for the Czech Republic, or foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic, as issued by the Czech Republic, certifying that they have completed documented isolation as a result of COVID-19 in the country of departure prior to entering the Czech Republic; the diplomatic note shall not normally be issued earlier than 14 days after the first positive result of an RT-PCR test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus;*

9. that "self-isolation" means keeping freedom of movement to the minimum necessary, with the exception of:

- (a) travel necessary to procure the basic necessities of life and care for children;
- (b) travel strictly necessary to procure the care of animals, use the necessary financial and postal services, and to refuel; this shall not apply to persons pursuant to point I.8;
- (c) emergency travel to healthcare facilities;
- (d) travel to social service facilities; this shall not apply to persons pursuant to point I.8;

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- (e) travel on urgent official business; this shall not apply to persons pursuant to point I.8;
- (f) funerals; this shall not apply to persons pursuant to point I.8;

10. that “third-country national” means 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 on the residence of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic and amending certain acts, as amended;

11. that, in addition to the Member States of the European Union, the Principality of Andorra, the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Principality of Monaco, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of San Marino, the Swiss Confederation and the Vatican City State shall be treated as Member States of the European Union for the purposes of this Protective Measure;

12. that, for the purposes of this Protective Measure, the term “written confirmation” means both a paper document (the original or a non-certified copy) and an electronic document, provided that it specifies the given name, surname, and date of birth or the number of the travel document of the specific addressee; written confirmation in electronic form cannot be submitted in the form of an SMS text message;

13. that holders of a diplomatic note on the impossibility of arranging for a test for establishing the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the country of departure may be citizens of the Czech Republic and their family members pursuant to point II.2(e) holding a permit for temporary residence in the Czech Republic, citizens of the European Union holding a temporary residence registration certificate for the Czech Republic, foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit for the Czech Republic issued by the Czech Republic, and foreign nationals referred to in point II.3(d) or I.10(h).

## II.

Protective Measure of the Ministry of Health ref. MZDR 20599/2020-79/MIN/KAN of 28 May 2021 shall be repealed with effect as of 00:00 hours on 21 June 2021.

## III.

This Protective Measure shall enter into force on the date of promulgation hereof.