

INFORMATION ON THE TEMPORARY LIMITATION OF OPERATION OF LONG-DISTANCE TRAINS OF ČESKÉ DRÁHY, A.S. ORDERED BY THE STATE

A. Reason of presentation

České dráhy, as a result of the current emergency situation and restrictions of movement of people have been feeling a substantial decrease of the number of passengers in long-distance transportation, which, as opposed to the regional transportation, where nonetheless there was also a substantial reduction of frequency, is not primarily used for regular trips to work. As regards specific numbers from the operation, it can be said that **in average the numbers of passengers are even lower than 30 persons per each train. Sales in the long-distance transportation dropped to 15%** of regular sales for this period of time. České dráhy also feel an unusual personal crisis, as particularly the employees in operation are afraid of working in the premises for passengers.

It appears purposeful, appropriate and economic to limit the extent of long-distance railroad transportation ordered by the state, similarly as there have already been cuts in city and regional transportation. Upon agreement with the carrier, reduction proposals were made particularly in the segment of express trains, which appear to be useless due to the impossibility of international railroad transportation and their concurrence with fast trains. The proposal keeps service in all journeys in ZVS, only reduces the extent of transportation to at least two-hour difference. Capacity of particular trains will be sufficient and will be operatively adjusted as needed.

B. General description of adjustments of long-distance railroad operation

The reduction affects only 39 trains (6,62%) out of 589 long-distance trains of České dráhy, which are currently operated on the basis of the state order. They are the following.

Line Ex1 (Ostrava – Návsí)

- reduction from 8 couples to 5 couples of trains a day,
- transportation services will be ensured by 4 couples of commercial trains of České dráhy (outside the public service contract),
- at the same time regional transportation ordered by the region will remain

Line Ex2 (Praha – Olomouc – Vsetín/Horní Lideč)

- cancellation of trains between Praha – Olomouc (due to trains from other lines restriction from 19 couples to 10 couples of trains a day between Praha – Olomouc),
- transportation services between Praha – Olomouc will be ensured by 10 couples of trains of the line R18 Praha – Olomouc – Luhačovice/Zlín,
- at the same time regional transportation ordered by the region will remain

Line Ex3 (Praha – Brno – Břeclav)

- cancellation of trains of the line Ex3,

- transportation services between Praha - Brno will be ensured by 9 couples of trains of the line R19 Praha – Česká Třebová – Brno,
- restriction from 30 couples to 12 couples of trains a day between Brno – Břeclav,
- at the same time regional transportation ordered by the region will remain

Line Ex5 (Praha – Děčín)

- by cancellation trains of this line, there will be restriction from 29 couples to 21 couples of trains a day between Praha – Ústí nad Labem/Děčín,
- transportation services will be ensured by 7 of trains of the line R15 Praha – Ústí nad Labem - Cheb and 14 of trains of the line R20 Praha – Děčín, both lines ordered by the state.

Similarly, České dráhy are preparing a proposal for reduction of the remaining two express lines

- Ex6 Praha – Plzeň – Cheb/Domažlice
- Ex7 Praha – Dolní Dvořiště

And four fast lines

- R9 Praha – Havlíčkův – Brod
- R10 Praha – Hradec Králové – Trutnov/Letohrad
- R16 Praha – Plzeň- Klatovy
- R20 Praha – Děčín

These are lines, which are operated in alignment with other lines ordered by the state. After the reduction, it will be possible to offer connections with at least two-hour interval and sufficient capacity. Details will be discussed with the Ministry of Transportation in advance.

Reduction of the selected long-distance lines is proposed only for the duration of the governmental decree restricting free movement of persons.