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EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health as an administrative authority competent pursuant to Section 80 (1) letter g) of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Protection of Public Health, and on change of certain related acts, as amended (the “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”), adopts within procedure pursuant to Section 69 (1) letter i) and (2) of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll., in order to protect the population and to prevent danger of outbreak and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, this extraordinary measure:

I.

with effect as of April 1, 2020, 06:00 hours until April 11, 2020, 06:00 hours, it is ordered that all public authorities and administrative bodies (the „authorities“) shall maintain limited operation in their workplaces in connection with the state of emergency, declared by the Governmental Resolution dated March 12, 2020, No. 194 under No. 69/2020 Coll., which shall consist of:

- 1. limitation of work, state services, especially to those agendas which must be executed on a continuous basis in order to ensure the functioning of the public administration and public administration services to the extent that is necessary, and to ensure the execution of tasks of the Government of the Czech Republic, aiming to achieve the goals of the state of emergency; the other agendas are executed to the extent that does not jeopardize the below-mentioned measures required to protect health of the state employees and other official persons (the “employees”);**
- 2. limitation of personal contact of employees with the clients of the public administration (applicants, other participants of administrative proceedings) and other external persons (the “clients/public”) to the necessary minimum level; the limitation of contacts shall be executed particularly as follows:**
 - a) by limitation or suspension of execution of relevant agendas, which do not fall within the scope of point 1., if their execution jeopardizes the measures to protect employees’ health,**
 - b) by replacement of personal contact by written, electronic or phone contact whenever possible, including contact with other employees,**
 - c) by acceptance of all documents from the clients/public only through the mail room, if there is any; electronic communication will be preferred whenever possible,**

- d) if there is any contact with employees of other authorities and institutions, by adoption of measures avoiding direct contact; meetings shall take place with respect to increased hygienic measures,
 - e) the above-mentioned measures shall analogically apply to the internal contact of the employees within the relevant authority,
3. limitation of official hours of authorities to Monday and Wednesday in the maximum amount of three hours in each day; authorities shall inform the public on the change of official hours and publish them on their notice boards;
 4. ensuring the function of departments of authorities by always engaging only the minimum number of employees present in the workplace necessary to keep the authority operational;
 5. ensuring the function of authority so that a quarantine measure related to a part of employees does not jeopardize the operation of the authority (e.g. by changing of separated groups of employees of the authority, home office).

II.

This extraordinary measure is effective on the day of its issue.

Rationale:

The extraordinary measure is adopted in relation to the adverse development of the epidemiologic situation of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus designated SARS-CoV-2 in the Czech Republic.

In the view of the current outbreak of COVID-19 disease in territory of the Czech Republic, as well as in the territory of most countries of the world, it is necessary to prevent further outbreak of COVID-19 disease declared by the World Health Organisation as a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

Since March 1, 2020, when COVID-19 disease was proven at the very first time to a patient in the territory of the Czech Republic, there has been an increase in the number of cases at 2,657 (as of March 28, 2020). The daily increase in the number of patients with newly proven COVID-19 disease in recent days exceeds 200 (March 25 - 291, March 26 - 259, March 27 - 373, March 28 - 262).

This measure is one of the important preconditions for preventing the outbreak of COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic. The coronavirus is spread from man to man by close contact. It is a so-called droplet-based infection that is spread through the air. Most often the mucous membranes of the upper and lower respiratory tracts and the conjunctiva are infected. The incubation period is approximately between 2 and 14 days. The most common ways where viruses enter the human body are mucous membranes, i.e. mouth, nose and also eyes. These places are an open gate for viruses.

The aim of this measure is to limit the activities of public authorities and administrative bodies in order to avoid the spread of COVID-19 disease in the community to the maximum possible extent.

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