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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.

1. With effect as of April 1, 2020, 06:00 a.m. until April 11, 2020, 06:00 a.m., retail sale of goods and services in establishments is forbidden, with exceptions of the sales stores of:

- **grocery**
- **fuels**
- **combustibles**
- **sanitary (hygienic) goods, cosmetics and other drug-store products**
- **pharmacies, dispensaries and shops of medical devices**
- **small pets**
- **feed and other supplies for animals**
- **glasses, contact lenses and related goods**
- **newspapers and magazines**
- **tobacco products**
- **laundry and dry-cleaning services**
- **repair of road vehicles, if there are not more than 30 persons in the establishment at the same time**
- **towing and repairing of road vehicles at the road traffic**
- **sale of spare parts to road vehicles and manufacturing technologies**
- **establishments allowing pick-up of goods and shipments from a third party**
- **sale of garden goods including seeds**
- **cash sale of tickets**
- **spa facilities, provided that they provide only spa services, which are at least partially covered by public health insurance**
- **provision of funeral services**
- **florist shops**

- construction and removal of buildings, design works in construction, geological works, geodetic works, testing, measuring and analysis for the construction
- dispensing and sale of medical devices
- sale of textile material and textile haberdashery
- service of computing and telecommunications equipment, audio and video receivers, consumer electronics, appliances and other household products
- real estate agency and activities of accounting advisors, bookkeeping, keeping tax records
- locksmithing and service of other household products
- repair, maintenance and installation of machinery and equipment for household
- operation of burial ground, embalming and preservation, cremation of human debris and human remains, including the storage of human remains in urns
- carwashes

if such goods or services are mostly sold or offered in such an establishment. This restriction shall not apply to activities that are not activities under the Trade Licensing Act.

2. With effect as of April 1, 2020, 06:00 a.m., until April 11, 2020, 06:00 a.m., presence of the public in restaurant facilities, except for the establishments which are not used for the public (e.g. employee canteens, medical facility canteens, social service canteens, penitentiary facility canteens) is forbidden; such a restriction shall not apply to sales outside establishments (such as fast food restaurants with take-away windows or sale of take-away food without entering the establishment), which can be pursued without any time limitation.
3. With effect as of April 1, 2020, 06:00 a.m., until April 11, 2020, 06:00 a.m., operation of restaurant facilities situated within shopping malls with sales area exceeding 5000 m² is forbidden.
4. With effect as of April 1, 2020, 06:00 a.m., until April 11, 2020, 06:00 a.m., the sales of unpackaged pastry is permitted only if the following conditions are met:
 - it is ensured that there will not be concentration of persons in the places where pastry is picked up,
 - sales point is equipped with personal hygienic tools.
5. With effect as of April 1, 2020, 06:00 a.m., until April 11, 2020, 06:00 a.m., the entrepreneurs of food retail stores with self-service sale shall provide the customers with disposable gloves free of charge at each entrance to the store.
6. With effect as of April 1, 2020, 06:00 a.m., until April 11, 2020, 06:00 a.m., the following is forbidden:
 - operation of game rooms and casinos,
 - operation of driving license schools,
 - provision of taxi services, with the exception of taxi services delivering food or persons with the taxi driver license,
 - operation of self-service laundries and dry-cleaning services,
 - presence of public in building and construction shops and hobby markets,

- presence of the public in establishment of service providers – inside and outside sports fields.

7. With effect as of April 1, 2020, 06:00 a.m., until April 11, 2020, 06:00 a.m., sale of accommodation services, with the exception of providers of accommodation services in dormitories, spa facilities and school accommodation facilities, is forbidden. This shall not apply to sale and provision of accommodation services to
- persons for purpose of pursuing their profession, business or other similar activity, and
 - foreigners until leaving the territory of the Czech Republic and to foreigners with work permit for territory of the Czech Republic.

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 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 in 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 a 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 like an open gate for viruses.

The aim of this measure is to close all stores and facilities that are not necessary, in order to avoid contacts with other persons in and to avoid the spread of COVID-19 disease in the community to the maximum possible extent.

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