



## MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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### Extraordinary measure

The Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic (the „Ministry of Interior“), as the public authority competent pursuant to Section 12(1) of the act No. 191/2016 Coll., on the protection of the state borders of the Czech Republic, and on amending of several acts (the „State Borders Protection Act“) and in sense of Art. 28(1) of the regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), in connection with the immediate threat to public policy and internal security of the Czech Republic, related to the outbreak of the COVID-19 disease, caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus

### **temporarily reintroduces border control at the internal borders of the Czech Republic**

for the period from March 14, 2020, 00:00 hours until March 18, 2020, 23:59 hours on the land border with the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Austria, as well as on the air border.

- 1) The Police of the Czech Republic shall monitor along the mentioned parts of the internal borders of the Czech Republic flexibly and adequately to the current threat and in connection with the development of the situation.
- 2) The internal borders may be crossed only
  - a) in places specified in part 1 of the annex to this general measure without time limitation; and
  - b) in other places specified in part 2 of the annex to this general measure between 05:00 and 23:00 in case of persons who demonstrably cross the internal borders on regular basis, in particular cross-border workers, who work within the distance of 100 km from the state border of the Czech Republic, as well as other persons, who evidence extraordinary reasons.



3) The restrictions stipulated in par. 2 do not apply to:

- a) the integrated emergency system, if its regime of crossing the state borders is governed by an international treaty, entered into by the Czech Republic and the neighboring state;
- b) persons in an unexpected extraordinary situation;
- c) carriers pursuant to points II. and III. of the resolution of the Government of March 12, 2020, No. 200;
- d) air, train and ferry cargo transport.

II.

This general measure repeals the general measure ref. No. MV-48168-1/OAM-2020 of March 12, 2020.

III.

This general measure comes into force on March 14, 2020 at 00:00 hours and expires on March 18, 2020 at 23:59 hours.

### **Reasoning**

This extraordinary measure extends the exception from the duty to cross the internal borders only on the specified places by air cargo transportation, beyond the scope of the general measure ref. No. MV-48168-1/OAM-2020 of March 12, 2020.

In connection with the spread of the COVID-19 disease, which is caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, the competent authorities identified a serious threat to public policy and internal security of the Czech Republic. Having regard of this fact, it was found necessary to reintroduce border control at the internal borders of the Czech Republic pursuant to Art. 18(1) of the Schengen Borders Code.

Due to the immediate character of the threat to public policy and internal security of the Czech Republic, the Ministry of Interior shall reintroduce border controls at the internal borders of the Czech Republic by the extraordinary measure in accordance with Section 12(1) of the State Borders Protection Act.

The purpose of this measure is to prevent breach of public policy as a result uncontrolled movement of persons, who are subject to extraordinary measures of the Ministry of Healthcare, issued in connection with the negative development of the epidemiological situation.



The border controls shall be carried out flexibly along the entire length of the mentioned parts of the internal border and in a manner that is adequate to the current threat and in connection with the development of the situation.

The internal borders may be crossed only in places specified in part 1 of the annex to this general measure without time limitation. Persons who demonstrably cross the internal borders on regular basis, in particular cross-border workers, who work within the distance of 100 km from the state border of the Czech Republic, as well as other persons, who evidence extraordinary reasons, may cross the border also in other places specified in part 2 of the annex to this general measure between 05:00 and 23:00.

The above-mentioned duty does not apply to the selected categories of persons, in which the restriction of crossing the internal borders would be inadequate and, in some cases, would be contrary to the public interest. These are

- a) the integrated emergency system, if its regime of crossing the state borders is governed by an international treaty, entered into by the Czech Republic and the neighboring state;
- b) persons in an unexpected extraordinary situation;
- c) carriers pursuant to points II. and III. of the resolution of the Government of March 12, 2020, No. 200;
- d) train and ferry cargo transport.

The parts of the borders, in which the border controls shall be carried out, their intensity and targeting were selected with regard to the principle of proportionality to minimize the limitations to the smooth cross-border traffic.

### **Advice**

This extraordinary measure pursuant to Section 173(2) of the Administrative Procedural Code cannot be appealed.

*(signature)*

**Jan Hamáček**  
minister of interior

## 1) Places designated for crossing the internal borders

### I. Austria

#### Road:

Dolní Dvořiště – Wulowitz

České Velenice – Gmünd

Hatě – Kleinhaugsdorf

Mikulov – Drasenhofen

### II. Germany

#### Road:

Strážný – Phillippsreut

Pomezí nad Ohří – Schirnding

Rozvadov-dálnice – Waidhaus

Folmava – Furth im Wald/Schafberg

Železná Rusa – Bayerisch Eisenstein

Krásný Les – Breitenau

H. Sv. Šebestiána - Reitzenhain

### III. Airports

Praha/Ruzyně

Kbely

## **2) Other places designated for crossing the internal borders**

For persons who demonstrably cross the internal border on regular basis, in particular cross-border workers and other persons, only between 05:00 and 23:00

### **I. Austria**

#### **Road:**

Vratěnin – Oberurnau

Valtice – Schrattenberg

Nová Bystřice – Grametten

Hevlín – Laa an der Thaya

### **II. Germany**

#### **Road:**

Všeruby – Eschlam

Jíříkov – Neugersdorf

Vojatnov – Schönberg

Cínovec - Alternberg