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EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health as an administrative authority competent pursuant to Section 80 par. 1 letter g) of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll., Public Health Protection Act, amending certain related acts, as amended (the "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), adopts within procedure pursuant to Section 69 par. 1 letter i) and par. 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.

All persons are prohibited from being present in retail stores selling food, hygiene goods, cosmetics and other drugstore goods, between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., with the exception of persons over 65 years of age and their necessary accompanying, persons holding a ZTP/P card, over 50 years of age and their necessary accompanying, and the employees or persons in a similar relationship of an establishment providing nursing care and owners and employees of the operator of the stores or persons in a similar relationship.

II.

This extraordinary measure enters into effect on March 20, 2020.

III.

The extraordinary measure from March 18, 2020, Ref. No.: MZDR 12390/2020-1/MIN/KAN, is repealed.

Rationale:

The extraordinary measure is adopted in relation to the adverse development of the epidemiologic situation regarding the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV2 in the Czech Republic.

Considering the fact that a particularly vulnerable group threatened by COVID-19 are the elderly and the disabled people, two hours a day are reserved for their purchasing of basic goods (food, drugstore goods). This limits the possibility of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from other persons to those over 65 years of age.