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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 March 24, 2020, 06:00 hours until April 1, 2020, 06:00 hours, it is ordered that public authorities and administrative bodies (the „authorities“) shall commence limited operation in their establishments 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 contract 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 respecting of 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 the authorities to Monday and Wednesday in the maximum amount of three ours in each day; the authorities shall inform the public on the change of the official hours and publish them on their notice boards;
 4. ensuring of the functioning of the departments of authorities always by engaging the minimum number of employees present in the workplace, which is necessary to keeping the authority operational;
 5. ensuring of the functioning of the authority in a way so that a quarantine measure in relation to a part of the 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 issuance.

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.

The aim of the proposed changes in relation to de facto identical limitations adopted earlier by the Governmental Resolution is the effort to temporarily limit the social contacts between persons to the maximum extent, with the exception of necessary trips, so that the community transfer of COVID-19 disease is restricted to the maximum extent.

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