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EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health, as the competent administrative authority, pursuant to § 80 Paragraph 1 Letter g) of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on public health protection and on amendment to some related acts, (hereinafter referred to as "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), orders, proceeding pursuant to § 69 Paragraph 1 Letter i) and Paragraph 2 of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll. on protecting the population and on preventing the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, this extraordinary measure:

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All persons having their temporary and permanent residence in the Czech Republic and residing in the territory of the Czech Republic for a period of over 90 days or employed in the territory of the Czech Republic, who return to the Czech Republic from the Italian Republic from 7 March 2020 forward are ordered to report this fact immediately upon their return to the Czech Republic, by telephone or any other means of remote access, to the healthcare service provider with whom they are registered in the discipline of general medicine or paediatric general medicine, or, if they are not registered with a provider, to any healthcare service provider in the discipline of general medicine or paediatric general medicine.

All healthcare service providers in the discipline of general medicine or paediatric general medicine are ordered to impose a quarantine of 14 days on any persons having their temporary or permanent residence in the Czech Republic and residing in the territory of the Czech Republic for a period of over 90 days or employed in the territory of the Czech Republic, who return to the Czech Republic from the Italian Republic from 7 March 2020 forward, pursuant to § 2 Paragraph 7 Letter a) of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll.

The aforementioned obligations do not apply to:

- Truck drivers who transit the territory of the Italian Republic or carry out transport, loading and unloading of goods in the territory of the Italian Republic,
- Drivers and crews of transport health services carrying out transports of patients in the territory of the Italian Republic, through the territory of the Italian Republic,
- Pilots of airbuses, who do not leave the board of the place except for the implementation of pre-flight preparation or post-flight preparation, during transit or return flights.

The abovementioned persons to which the aforementioned obligations do not apply and who have any symptoms of influenza are ordered to report this fact without delay, by telephone or any other means of remote access, to the healthcare service provider with whom they are registered in the discipline of general medicine, or, if they are not registered with a provider, to any healthcare service provider in the discipline of general medicine.

Truck drivers who transit the territory of the Italian Republic or carry out transport, loading and unloading of goods in the territory of the Italian Republic are ordered to use the FFP2 or FFP3 respirators when loading and unloading, to minimize direct contact with local staff in the Italian Republic and to have their vehicle fitted with protective rubber gloves for use as required as well as with antibacterial gel to be used for regular hand cleansing.

Drivers and crews of ambulances carrying out transports of patients in the territory of the Italian Republic, through the territory of the Italian Republic or from the territory of the Italian Republic are ordered to use only such vehicles to carry out such transports of patients which provide a separate space for the patient, and to use personal protective equipment (respirator, protective glasses, gloves) during the transport and to use antibacterial gels for regular hand cleansing. The emergency measure issued on 6 March 2020, Reg. No. MZDR 5503/2020-10/PRO is hereby cancelled.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the day of its issuance.

Rationale:

This extraordinary measure has been issued in connection with adverse development of the epidemiological situation in terms of the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2 in Europe.

With a view to the significant spread of the COVID-19 disease in the Italian Republic (approximately 4,000 cases) and the fact that the predominant number of persons infected in the Czech Republic contracted the disease while staying in the Italian Republic, it is necessary to prevent further spread of the COVID-19 disease from the Italian Republic.

This measure is an important prerequisite for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic.

Immediate implementation of the measure is required, given that several thousand people are expected to return from the Italian Republic, which is why the effective date of this extraordinary measure is the date of its issuance.

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