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## MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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### PROTECTIVE MEASURES

As the administrative authority with jurisdiction pursuant to Section 80(1)(h) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on the Protection of Public Health and on amendments to some related acts, as amended (hereinafter “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”), the Ministry of Health **orders** the following protective measures, by the procedure pursuant to section 68(1) and (3) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., to protect against the introduction of the new coronavirus 2019-nCoV from foreign countries through international airports in the Czech Republic:

#### I.

**All airlines operating direct international flights from the Chinese People’s Republic, with passengers on board the aircraft, to all airports within the territory of the Czech Republic,** are forbidden to operate these flights effective from Sunday, 9 February 2020 until this protective measure is withdrawn.

#### II.

This protective measure becomes valid on the date it is announced.

#### Reasoning:

This measure is issued in relation to the unfavourable development of the epidemiological situation in relation to occurrence of the disease caused by the new coronavirus identified as 2019-nCoV in the Chinese People’s Republic. The purpose of this measure is to create conditions preventing the spread of this disease.

The new coronavirus identified as 2019-nCoV is causing an exponentially growing epidemic in the Chinese People’s Republic, with the potential to double the numbers of infected individuals every 5 to 7 days and with a mortality rate of around 2.5%. Not even strict repressive anti-epidemic measures within the Chinese People’s Republic are currently leading to its effective control and this disease has now spread throughout the Chinese People’s Republic and has also been introduced to the European continent, where person-to-person transfer has been confirmed. The restriction or termination of the operation of flights to the Chinese People’s Republic by some European airlines and prohibition of flights from the Chinese People’s Republic to Italy, and possibly other European countries, will lead to the secondary movement of passengers to countries where transport by air is not restricted and therefore to increased health risks at the airports in these countries and elsewhere. For the reason specified above, it is desirable to restrict or forbid direct flights to and from the Chinese People’s Republic until the time this epidemic is under effective control.

This measure applies to all airlines operating direct international flights from the Chinese People's Republic to the Czech Republic.

This measure is one of the important conditions for limiting the introduction and spread of infection by the 2019-nCoV coronavirus within the territory of the Czech Republic.

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Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic

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**Mgr. et Mgr. Adam Vojtěch, MHA**

Minister of Health

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