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## **EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE**

The Ministry of Health, as the competent administrative authority pursuant to Section 80(1)(g) of Act No. 258/2000, on public health protection and amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No. 258/2000"), **orders** the following extraordinary measure pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000, to protect the population and combat the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus,:

### **I.**

**1. All persons to whom the extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health dated 7 March 2020, Ref. No. MZDR 10381/2020-1/MIN/KAN does not apply and who were in a country with a high risk of incidence of COVID-19 disease based on the Ministry of Health assessment published at [www.mzcr.cz](http://www.mzcr.cz) in the 14 days before they arrived in the Czech Republic, are ordered to undergo an examination for symptoms of infectious disease upon crossing the state border of the Czech Republic, coming into effect upon issuing this extraordinary measure.**

**2. All persons who are found to have symptoms of an infectious disease pursuant to point 1) are ordered to provide the necessary cooperation to healthcare staff, meaning to provide a biological sample for the purpose of determining the presence of COVID-19 disease, coming into effect upon issuing this extraordinary measure.**

**3. All persons who are found to have symptoms of an infectious disease through the procedure pursuant to point 1) are ordered to comply with restrictions on their movement during the laboratory testing of the biological sample for the purpose of determining the**

**presence of COVID-19 disease, coming into effect upon issuing this extraordinary measure.**

## **II.**

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the date of its issue.

### **Justification:**

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

As there are currently more than three dozen cases of this disease in the Czech Republic and considering the gradual spread of this disease in neighbouring or nearby countries such as Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Poland, Slovakia and Croatia, considering the ongoing flu epidemic and the generally mild course of the disease, including the initial asymptomatic period, we can anticipate that the disease will spread significantly across the Czech Republic.

In the case of foreigners, especially foreign tourists, to whom this extraordinary measure applies, random medical examinations are being conducted primarily at selected border crossings. In the case of foreigners who were in a country with a high risk of incidence of COVID-19 disease based on the Ministry of Health assessment published at [www.mzcr.cz](http://www.mzcr.cz) in the 14 days before they arrived in the Czech Republic, and who show symptoms of COVID-19 disease, a biological sample will be taken to determine the presence of COVID-19 disease.

If the foreigner is found not to be infected, they will be allowed to continue travelling. However, if COVID-19 disease is found, the locally competent regional hygiene station will impose a quarantine of 14 days pursuant to Section 2(7)(a) of Act No. 258/2000.

This measure is an important prerequisite to combat the spread of COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic.

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