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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 Coll., on public health protection and amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “Act No. 258/2000 Coll.”), **orders**, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of 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, the following extraordinary measure:

I.

With effect from 6:00 p.m. on 10 March 2020, all theatre, music, film and other artistic performance, sports, cultural, religious, community, dance, traditional and similar events and other gatherings, exhibitions, celebrations, pilgrimages, tastings, markets and trade fairs, both public and private, which would be attended simultaneously by more than 100 people, are banned until the revocation of this extraordinary measure.

This ban does not apply to meetings, congresses and similar events held by constitutional bodies, public authorities, courts and other public or private entities (e.g. general meetings of joint-stock companies), which are held by law.

II.

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

Rationale:

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

The subject of the measure is the prohibition of mass events expecting more than 100 simultaneous attendees, in order to allow public health protection authorities to evaluate the risk related to the incidence of the COVID-19 virus. Mass events pose a higher risk of contagion of the virus due to the high accumulation of people within a restricted space.

The measure is directed towards all organizers of mass events where the attendance of more than 100 people simultaneously is expected.

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

The immediate implementation of this measure is required in order to adequately evaluate the risk, given the current adverse epidemiological situation around the incidence of the COVID-19 virus, which is the reason for the effective date of this extraordinary measure being the date of its issue.

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Minister of Health

Signed electronically