Adopting an Emergency Measure

In connection with Government Resolution No. 957 of 30 September 2020, under which the government, pursuant to Articles 5 and 6 of Constitutional Act No. 110/1998 Coll., on the Security of the Czech Republic, declared a state of emergency in the Czech Republic due to the threat to health in connection with the documented occurrence of the coronavirus (known as SARS-CoV-2) in the territory of the Czech Republic and within the meaning of Section 5(a) through (e) and Section 6 of Act No. 240/2000 Coll., on Crisis Management and on the amendment of certain acts (the Crisis Act), as amended, in order to deal with the crisis arising, it has decided to adopt crisis measures, within the meaning of Section 5(e) and Section 6(1)(b) of the Crisis Act.

Effective from 12:00 a.m. on 28 October 2020 to 11:59 p.m. of 3 November 2020, the government hereby

I. prohibits

1. retail sales and the sale and provision of services at establishments, with the exception of the following establishments:
   − shops selling foodstuffs;
   − facilities selling motor fuels;
   − facilities selling fuel;
   − shops selling hygienic goods, cosmetics and other toiletries and household products;
   − pharmacies, dispensaries and shops selling medical devices;
   − shops selling small domestic pets;
   − shops selling animal feed and other supplies for animals;
   − shops selling glasses, contact lenses and related goods;
   − shops selling newspapers and magazines;
   − shops selling tobacco products;
   − laundries and dry cleaning services;
   − road vehicle servicing and repair facilities;
   − facilities of providers of towing services and repair of vehicle defects in road traffic;
   − shops selling spare parts for vehicles and production technologies;
   − establishments enabling the collection of goods and shipments purchased remotely;
   − shops selling gardening supplies, including seeds and seedlings;
   − the over-the-counter sale of travel tickets;
   − flower shops;
   − establishments arranging the construction of buildings and their demolition, project-related activities in construction, geological work, surveying, testing, measurements and analyses in construction;
   − shops selling textile material and haberdashery;
   − establishments providing the servicing of computer and telecommunication equipment, audio and video receivers, consumer electronics, devices and other household products;
business premises providing real estate brokering services and the activities of accounting advisors, accounting and keeping tax records;
- locksmiths and the servicing of other household products;
- business premises offering the repair, maintenance and installation of household machinery and equipment services;
- business premises offering funeral services, carrying out embalming and preservation, the incineration of human remains, including the placing of human remains into urns;
- car washes;
- shops selling household products and ironmongery, where household products do not include furniture, carpets and other floor coverings;
- establishments enabling the collection and buyback of raw materials and composting yards;

whereas the aforementioned goods and services are predominantly sold or offered in a specific establishment; this prohibition does not apply to activities that are not trades according to the Trade Licensing Act; this prohibition also does not apply to sale of foods at business premises for which the primary activities are not the sale of foods, but the part of the establishment where food is sold is separate from other parts of the establishment;

2. the presence of the public at establishments offering catering services (e.g. restaurants, pubs and bars), with the exception of establishments not serving the general public (e.g. staff catering, catering for healthcare and social service providers, at penal institutions), and at establishments in accommodation facilities, under the condition that they only provide catering to accommodated guests, only between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m.; this prohibition shall not apply to sales for consumption outside of the catering establishment (e.g. fast-food establishments with a dispensing window or sale of take-out), whereas sales to customers at the site of the establishment (e.g. a dispensing window) is prohibited between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.;

3. sales at dining facilities located within shopping centres with a sales area exceeding 5,000 m²;

4. as well as:
- concerts and other musical, theatre, film and other artistic performances including circuses and variety shows;
- the collective singing of more than 5 persons in the indoor premises of buildings, except for their domicile, even if this involves the performance of work or business activities, except for preschools;
- fairs and similar traditional events;
- congresses, educational events and examination by personal attendance;
- trade fairs;
- gaming rooms, casinos and betting shops;
- the operation and use of sports grounds in the indoor premises of buildings (e.g. gymnasiums, courts, skating rinks, other rinks, bowling alleys and billiard halls, training equipment) and the indoor premises of outdoor sports grounds, gyms and fitness centres, except for physical education on the first level of primary education at primary schools and at nursery schools;
- the operation and use of artificial swimming areas (swimming pools, bathing pools, pools for babies and toddlers, paddling pools), wellness facilities including saunas, solariums and salt caves, if this does not involve the provision of healthcare services by a healthcare service provider;
- visits to and tours of zoological gardens and botanical gardens;
- visits and tours of museums, galleries, exhibition halls, castles, chateaux and similar historical and cultural facilities, observatories and planetariums;
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− operation of facilities or provision of services to persons aged 6 to 18 focused on activities similar to informal education pursuant to Section 2 of Decree No. 74/2005 Coll., such as particularly informal, pedagogic, recreational or educational activities, including preparation for schooling;

5. the provision of accommodation services, with the exception of provision of accommodation services to:
   − persons engaged in the performance of an occupation, business or other similar activity;
   − persons who were ordered to carry out work duties according to the Crisis Act;
   − foreigners until they leave the Czech Republic and foreigners with a work permit in the Czech Republic;
   − persons who were ordered to isolate or quarantine;
   − persons whose accommodation was arranged by the government, local governments or subjects established by these, for the purpose of freeing the capacities of providers of healthcare services or the providers of social services, or for assuring accommodation of homeless persons;
   − persons for the purpose of completing the provisioning of accommodation commencing before this Government Resolution came into effect;

6. the drinking of alcoholic beverages in publicly accessible places;

7. sales at markets, marketplaces, mobile facilities (sales at stands in mobile outlets and sales from other mobile facilities), travelling and house-to-house sales; the prohibition does not apply to mobile shops selling foodstuffs and drug store products in municipalities where such goods cannot be purchased in another shop; the prohibition also does not apply to the sale of fruit and vegetables (in a fresh or processed state), milk and dairy products, meat and meat products, eggs, bakery products and confectionery, honey and honey products, produced in the territory of the Czech Republic (hereinafter “Farmer’s Markets”);

8. retail sales and the sales and provision of services in shops on Sunday for the whole day and on Monday to Saturday from 8:00 p.m. to 4:59 a.m., where this prohibition does not apply to activities that are not trades in accordance with the Trades Licensing Act or to the operation
   a) of petrol stations selling fuels and lubricants;
   b) pharmacies;
   c) shops in places with a high concentration of passengers at airports, railway stations and bus stations;
   d) shops at healthcare facilities;
   e) outlets for catering services to an extent in accordance with item I/2;

II. The following is restricted:

1. the operation of catering facilities, whose operation is allowed according to item I/2 in that their operator must adhere to the following rules:
   a) customers are seated so that there is a distance of at least 1.5 meters between them, except for customers sitting at one table;
   b) there may be a maximum of 4 customers seated at one table, except for household members; if the table is long, more customers may be seated at it, so that there is a distance of at least 2 meters between groups of a maximum 4 customers, except household members;
   c) in the case of sales from catering establishments outside of their indoor premises (e.g. dispensing windows), the person consuming food and meals including beverages purchased here (with the exception of alcoholic beverages, the drinking of which in public is prohibited) in the immediate vicinity of the establishment are obliged
to maintain a distance of at least 2 meters from other persons, if these are not household members;

d) the operator must not allow a greater number of customers into the indoor premises of the establishment than the number of seats available to customers in the indoor premises of the establishment; the operator is obliged to keep a written record of the current number of seats for customers;

e) prohibition of live music and dance productions;

f) the option of a wireless internet connection for the public will not be provided;

2. the operation of musical, dance, acting and similar social clubs and discotheques, in that the public presence at these venues is prohibited;

3. the operations of shopping centres with a sales area exceeding 5,000 m², in that:
   a) the use of rest areas (chairs, lounges, benches, etc.) will be restricted so that people do not gather in these places;
   b) the option of a wireless internet connection for the public will not be provided;
   c) the operator must ensure at least one person to supervise the observance of the following rules and encourage customers and other persons to observe them;
   d) the following instructions for customers are communicated to customers and other persons primarily through information signs, posters, on displays, intercom, etc.;
   e) the operator will ensure the visible posting of instructions to maintain a distance of 2 meters between persons in the publicly accessible areas of the shopping centre (e.g. by means of infographics, spots on the centre’s radio, infographics at the entrance to stores and other facilities, infographics on the floors of public areas, etc.);
   f) the gathering of persons will be restricted, particularly in areas where this can be expected, e.g. in the underground garages, areas in front of elevators, escalators, travellators, bathrooms, etc.;

4. the operations of providers of spa rehabilitation care in such a manner that it is possible to solely provide spa treatment rehabilitation care that is at least partially reimbursed from public health insurance;

5. the operations of florists in such a manner that a shop can have no more than two customers present;

6. the operations of Farmers’ Markets pursuant to item I/7 in such a manner that there is a prohibition against consumption on the spot, distances between stands, tables or other sales points are at least 4 meters, at one time the area of a farmers’ market contains no more than 20 persons per 400 m²;

III. operators are ordered to adhere to the following rules in business premises according to item I/1, whose operation is not prohibited:
   – to actively prevent customers from coming closer than 2 meters to each other;
   – to ensure the management of queues of waiting customers, both inside and outside of the store, particularly by marking the waiting area and placing symbols indicating the minimum distance between customers (a minimum distance of 2 m);
   – disinfectants must be placed near frequently touched objects (especially handles, railings, shopping carts), so that they are available to employees and customers of the establishment and can be used for regular disinfection;
   – to ensure that customers are informed of the above rules, primarily by means of information posters at the entrance and throughout the establishment, or by stating the rules through loudspeaker announcements in the establishment;

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